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CBC cuts hit Halifax

The axe swings.

More bad news, like job losses, could be known Tuesday



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CBC in Nova Scotia has lost its network production studio in Halifax and a multimillion-dollar development project, but its woes may not be over yet.

Andrew Cochran, managing director, Maritimes, for CBC English Services, said the company will hear early next week the impact the national cuts will have on programs and jobs in the region.

The public broadcaster expects to lay off more than 650 people over the next three years, with the majority let go this year, after the Conservatives axed 10 per cent of the broadcaster's budget as part of a government-wide cost-cutting effort.



The CBC announced 650 job cuts over the next three years. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

"Next week, what that means in the Maritimes and in Halifax is what we'll be discussing," said Cochran.

The multimillion-dollar redevelopment of the CBC building on Bell Road, which was to house the CBC's online, radio and TV operations, is now cancelled, said Cochran.

He said all three divisions will still be coming under one roof, but will be moving to a leased space. Cochran said he expects the move to happen in about two years.

The CBC's network production studio has been axed, said Cochran, and will be shut

down when operations move to its new space. But all the locally produced shows, such as *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, will still be made, he said.

"By not having the facility does not mean not having those programs," said Cochran, noting that most CBC stations across the country do not have network production facilities.

Cochran said there are 13 jobs directly associated with the studio, so when it shuts down those positions will be cut.

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Rapper Pitbull performs at the Metro Centre on Wednesday night in support of his latest album *Planet Pit*. Flo Rida was one of the opening acts for the show. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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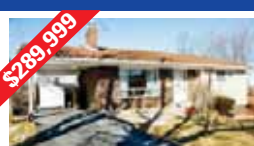
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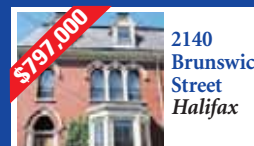
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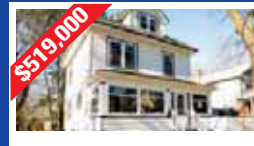
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New builds

Three grand could hit 1st-time buyers' sweet spot: Realtor



Jerry Mitchell RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Three thousand just might be enough to nudge hesitant buyers into the market, said Jerry Mitchell, realtor and owner of Mitchell Realty.

He's selling a number of new builds along Highway 1 for around \$244,000 and he's targeting first-time buyers.

"It's going to push a few people over the edge," Mitchell said. "It's the part of market that's sitting on the fence, that might be contemplating buying a house, and that's really going to help them."

He estimated 15 to 20 per cent of homebuyers in HRM are first-timers.

"It makes it easier for us to sell them, obviously," he said. "It's almost \$3,000 coming right off the price of the house when (we) sell it."

He's already noticed a bump in business thanks to Irving's successful shipbuilding bid. Mitchell said he sold two homes in the days after the announcement.

"And my open house (that weekend) was swamped with people trying to get in before the prices start going up," he said. "It's only going to continue."

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO



Construction crews work on a new house in Bedford on Wednesday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

N.S. doubles rebate for new homeowners

Rebate. Launched 1997



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Hoping to push along a shipbuilding-inspired housing boom, the province is doubling the first-time-homebuyers rebate.

The increased rebate, which took effect April 1, is now worth a maximum \$3,000 to first-time buyers.

Premier Darrell Dexter and John MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, held a press conference Wednesday morning in the garage of a new build in

Upper Sackville.

"The Greater Halifax Partnership study predicts there will be 420 new homes built each year during the peak of shipbuilding contract," Dexter said, adding the rebate will help more young families to get into the market.

It will cost the province an additional \$1.5 million to double the rebate, and in total, the rebate program will cost \$2.5 million this year.

"First-time homebuyers can have a difficult time getting into the housing market and we want to make it a little easier for them to consider a new-home purchase," MacDonell said.

And it's not just a boost for

buyers, real estate agents and home builders, said Paul Pettipas, president of the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association.

"So much of our industry is about confidence," Pettipas said, "and shipbuilding, the Shell (off-shore) announcement and what your government has done ... has really added to that."

"This is going to help (the mortgage industry), help the people who sell furniture, and it's going to help the province as a whole."

The premier's recent announcement that the HST will be cut by a percentage point in 2014 and another in 2015 is also big for new-home builders, added Pettipas.

Interested in the rebate?

- In the 2011-12 fiscal year, 271 first-time homebuyers rebates were granted by the province, worth \$405,000.
- Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations said they receive 800 to 900 applications a year.
- Any prospective first-timers interested in the rebate can find more information at nsfirsthome.ca or by calling 424-5200 in Halifax or toll-free at 1-800-670-4357.

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Province proposes amendment to offshore-royalty regulations

A proposed amendment would give the Nova Scotia government access to information it can use to calculate offshore oil and gas royalties under a federal agreement.

Chris Spencer, the Energy Department's director of economic affairs, says the proposed change would enable the province to use provincial royalty information to calculate federal adjustment payments under the Crown Share Settlement.

Chris Spencer says the province can't do that under regulations as they currently stand. The Crown Share Settlement was part of an accord setting up joint management of the offshore signed in 1988.

Spencer says the change would allow the province to receive \$33 million and \$26.7 million in federal payments stemming from forecasts contained in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgets.

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Labour president dismisses NDP tax break

Nova Scotia Federation of Labour president Rick Clarke isn't pleased with Finance Minister Graham Steele's choices regarding the provincial budget.

Clarke issued a release Wednesday to dismiss the NDP government's decision to give a tax break to corporations while cutting some services.

"The obsession to get back to balance by 2013-14 could hamper long-term economic recovery in Nova Scotia, and cuts good public-sector jobs and services that people and our economy rely on," Clarke said in a release.

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Defence cuts to hit Halifax region: Union

Employment. About 19,200 civil servants expected to be removed from jobs because of federal budget



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Cuts coming to the Department of Defence will be felt in Halifax.

John MacLennan, national president of the Union of National Defence Employees, said about 1,100 civilian positions are being eliminated nationally, and 62 of those will be in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MacLennan said 50 jobs will be cut at the Defence Research Establishment Atlantic in Dartmouth and another 11 positions at the Halifax Dockyard.

For the department's research employees, who carry out things like acoustic data collection and sonar testing, finding another job is going to be tough because their duties are "unique," said MacLennan.

"They're not going to be that marketable as far as em-

Peter MacKay

- Defence Minister Peter MacKay defended the cuts as being the natural fallout from the end of the mission in Afghanistan.

- "We are now looking at the reorientation of our staff and our other resources," he said in the Commons.

ployment," he said. "There is nobody else in the rest of the province, or the country probably, that do what they do."

Dental hygienists are also on the chopping block, as well as positions at the dispute-resolution centre, among others, he said. MacLennan said the cuts will start this year, with the most being let go in 2013 and 2014, and finish in 2015. He could not say where the Halifax cuts sit on that timeline.

Defence took a big hit in last week's federal budget, and was told it will need to slash more than \$1.1 billion in spending over the next three years.

But the government has also



Defence Minister Peter MacKay rises during question period in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Wednesday.

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committed to keeping the size of Canada's regular and reserve fighting force intact.

So MacLennan said if the military isn't going to shrink

and no bases are going to close, the cuts raise the question of who is going to do all the work still needed to support soldiers.

The cuts at defence come a

day after an auditor general's report accused the department of misleading Parliament on the true multibillion-dollar cost of new fighter jets.

Power debate lights up legislature



Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie. METRO FILE

An emergency debate on power rates and the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project was called in the Nova Scotia legislature Wednesday.

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie asked for the emergency debate following two recent developments. First, the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Utilities Board reported this week it didn't have enough information to determine if the proposed \$6.2-billion project is the best long-term option for

Newfoundland.

"We know whatever price Newfoundlanders are asked to pay for power from this project, Nova Scotians will be asked to pay more," Baillie said Wednesday.

In question period, Baillie asked Premier Darrell Dexter to review the project. Dexter said that a comprehensive review of the project will, as a matter of course, be conducted by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

He added a number of studies have shown the Muskrat Falls project is the lowest cost option for power.

"It is only the Conservatives who could choose to gamble on future power rates instead of getting 35 years at a fixed rate," he said.

Baillie said the best information from Newfoundland shows the proposed project will produce power at 16.4 cents per kilowatt hour.

"That is at least 20 per cent

more than Nova Scotians are paying for power now and that is before we transmit that power by expensive subsea cables," he said.

Also, Baillie brought up Standard & Poor's recent revision of Emera and Nova Scotia Power's rating from stable to negative, based on concerns that the company's capital expenditure plan for renewable energy projects will mean more power rate increases.

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Fraud

Duo busted for bad cheques

A Lower Sackville man and woman are facing more than 40 fraud charges after allegedly depositing bad cheques into various banks around HRM.

Laura Gage, 26, and Justin Omond, 22, face charges

including fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud.

Halifax RCMP Const.

Tammy Lobb said the accused were allegedly depositing bad cheques into different financial intuitions and different branches of the same institution across the municipality.

"They were doing something that is referred to as 'kitting,' which basically means writing bad cheques," said Lobb on Wednesday. **METRO**

Crime

Outstanding warrant no longer outstanding

Halifax Regional Police have nabbed another person on their outstanding warrant list.

Halifax police say Joshua Christopher

Benoit was arrested in Hamilton, Ont. on March 30, and picked up by officers on Wednesday.

Police say it's unclear when he will be appearing in court. Benoit was one of nine people on HRP's January warrant list.

Visit halifax.ca/police/HeatList to view the full police outstanding warrant wanted list. **METRO**

New Glasgow Jubilee

Joel Plaskett to headline festival

The New Glasgow Jubilee is returning in August with a lineup featuring performances by Joel Plaskett Emergency, Classified, Kim Mitchell and Matt Andersen.

Headliner Plaskett plays Aug. 3 while Classified, one



Joel Plaskett RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

of Canada's top hip hop artists, will make its Jubilee debut Aug. 4. Juno award-winner Kim Mitchell hits the stage the following day. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

Pain at pump should end soon: Wilson VP

Rising costs. Gas prices in Halifax have jumped more than seven cents per litre in the past month

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A Nova Scotia gas expert is predicting the peak price at the pump is just about done.

Dave Collins, vice-president of Wilson Fuel, said on Wednesday this recent spike in prices is something we have seen before.

He said last year's prices at this same time ended up being higher than the yearly average.

"This is the spring run up in gas prices," he said. "It's gone on for eight of the last 10 years."

"My prediction back a few months ago was that it would hit 145. (At this point) I think

there's a greater chance you'll see 120 than 150. This is the peak. I think we're just about done. Hopefully, hopefully."

The cost of filling up at the pump has climbed to 142.9 for regular self-serve in Halifax, one of the highest in the country. The province will set a new regulated price on Friday at 12:01 a.m.

Collins attributes the high prices to the amount of buyers in the market and compares it to the housing market.

"If there's one person after three months that has an offer you might be willing to negotiate, but if you've got five people with offers the next day you're going to change your price," he said. "That's essentially what's going on. There are just a lot of buyers out there."

Collins said buyers are anticipating a summer shortage although chances are that won't happen, which will end up being good for consumers.

Gas prices in Halifax

The price of filling up a tank has been increasing steadily over the last year:

• Today: 142.9

• One week ago: 139.3

• One month ago: 136.5

• One year ago: 130.5



A motorist fills up at the Esso station on Chebucto Rd. Gas was selling for 142.9 cents a litre on Wednesday.

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Others say gas will keep climbing

Gasoline prices are up sharply in many parts of Canada and, while a hike Wednesday was less than some predicted, another industry analyst suggests it's just the beginning of increases heading into the summer.

"Normally gasoline prices start to retreat after the May 24 holiday weekend, but I can't see this happening this year," said analyst Roger McKnight of Oshawa-based En-Pro International Inc.

"I can see this sticking right through the middle of July."

In Toronto, prices were up almost 3.4 cents per litre on Wednesday afternoon to an average of about \$1.38 for regular gasoline, according to GasBuddy.com, a website that compiles data submitted by users across the country.

Historically, gasoline prices start to climb as a lead up to the Victoria Day holiday weekend in May, in anticipation for the annual surge in fuel demand as more Canadians take road trips.

A changeover at North American refineries, which make different grades of fuel for the warm and cold seasons, also contributes to the annual spring price surge.

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After Titanic sank, Halifax mourned

Tragedy revisited. The 100-year anniversary of the famous ship's sinking is on April 15

Church bells tolled as cable ships steamed into Halifax harbour laden with grim cargo: The bodies of Titanic passengers whose voyages across the North Atlantic had ended in unthinkable tragedy.

As the simple wooden boxes began piling up along the waterfront, the disaster shifted to the seaside city and local officials found themselves trying to quell the public's morbid curiosity.

"One of the things that was preached by the city fathers, requested by the White Star Line and even talked about in sermons in churches was, 'Please do not make this into a three-ring circus; you don't need to go see the bodies coming off the ship,'" says Garry Shutlak, a senior archivist at the Nova Scotia Archives.

It was the days immediately following the sinking of the magnificent ship on April 15, 1912. The largest liner of its time had struck an iceberg on a calm, moonless night and slid to a watery grave south of the Grand Banks.

Cable ships were dispatched from Halifax in the aftermath to pluck bodies from the frigid waters when it became clear only those who made it into the life-boats had survived.

The crew of the Minia and Mackay-Bennett knew how to navigate the unforgiving North Atlantic. The ships, too, were dolefully well suited

for the task: Their storage holds were large enough to accommodate the dead.

Halifax was considered an ideal centre to receive the victims because of its connections to other cities by rail and sea, which facilitated the return of bodies to families who could afford it.

Alan Ruffman, a local Titanic researcher, says Halifax was also a wireless communications hub, meaning word of Titanic's sinking reached the city within hours.

"We knew there had been a major disaster offshore," says Ruffman, author of *Titanic Remembered: The Unsinkable Ship and Halifax*.

"The White Star Line knew it had a public-relations problem on its hands because the same day of the sinking, the 15th of April, ships in the area reported seeing bodies floating in their life-jackets."

By the time the cable ships returned to Halifax, the city was in mourning. Flags were flying at half-mast. Some win-

Victims laid to rest

150

In all, the remains of 150 victims were buried in three Halifax cemeteries.

at Fairview Lawn Cemetery under a headstone paid for by the ship's crew and dedicated to an "unknown child." He was later identified as

19-month-old Sidney Leslie Goodwin through painstaking genetic testing.

A few weeks after the sinking, there was little else to be done. The bodies were buried. Families had gone home. Slowly, life in Halifax returned to normal.

By the fall, headstones were being placed on Titanic graves — quietly putting the tragedy to rest while serving as an indelible reminder.

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Marine geologist and Titanic researcher Alan Ruffman is seen in the Killam Library at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He was involved with identifying the "unknown child" who died in the disaster. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Links to the past

A century later, other memories of Titanic linger in parts of the city, though they are harder to find.

- For example, millionaire George Wright's home still makes an impressive statement in the city's south end, while a downtown building continues to bear his family name.

dows were draped in black crepe.

There was an understanding news of the sinking had to be shared, as reporters from Toronto, Montreal, Boston and New York descended on Halifax.

Shutlak says the dockyard commander granted reporters a pass to a holding wharf to witness caskets being off-loaded. Photographers, however, were strictly forbidden. It's why there are so few photos from the time.

"If someone was photographing something illegally, they stopped them," says Shutlak.

"This was also in deference to the families. They didn't want people to take snapshots of someone fainting."

Over the coming weeks, families of the victims descended on Halifax in hopes of finding their loved ones among the dead and claiming personal effects.

There was no single memorial to remember the victims, though Ruffman says there were a number of funeral services for individuals, including an unidentified toddler who was plucked from the icy waters by the crew of the Mackay-Bennett.

The youngster was buried

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Native sons & daughters

Local woman among survivors, local man among missing

Headlines in the local newspapers proclaimed Hilda Slayter of Halifax had survived the ordeal. Others asked what had become of George Wright, a well-heeled philanthropist who had booked a first-class ticket on Titanic, but whose body was never found.

The bodies of other victims were taken to Snow's funeral home and the Mayflower Curling Club, which served as a makeshift mortuary. Police officers and military personnel stood by to keep the prying eyes of the public at bay.

Report. Responders in Maine cleared in death of Nova Scotian skier

Medical care.

Investigation absolves three NorthStar ambulance employees

An investigation into the death of a skier from Nova Scotia who crashed into a tree at the Sugarloaf resort in Maine and died on the way to hospital says he received quality medical care and disciplinary action isn't warranted against any of the emergency responders.

Maine Emergency Medical Services released a five-page report on Wednesday of its investigation into the Jan. 12 death of 41-year-old David Morse of Harmony.

The investigation was initiated after Morse's wife complained that he wasn't provided proper medical care. She also said the ambulance crew dropped her off on the side of a road and abandoned her while en route to the hospital.

Investigators interviewed a dozen people, reviewed medical and emergency-response reports, and listened to audio

Allegation unaddressed

- The investigation didn't look into Dana Morse's allegation that the ambulance driver abandoned her on the side of the road when she thought he was stopping to let her get in the back of the ambulance with her husband, and the report didn't make any conclusion regarding it.

recordings from the hospital and the sheriff's department, said Jay Bradshaw, the emergency agency's director. "The conclusion was the care that was provided was high-quality care and consistent with EMS protocols," Bradshaw said. "Obviously, the awful part of this was there was a skier who died. It was a tragic accident."

Morse's widow, Dana Morse, was emailed an electronic version of the report, Bradshaw said. She did not immediately return a phone call from The Associated Press for comment on Wednesday.

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Engineering students go head to head

Faculty of engineering students at Dalhousie University work on Robo-Bat, a baseball-batting robot, at the first-ever design competition at the Sexton Gymnasium on Wednesday. Overall, four designs were judged — the others were Robo-Spell, a scrabble-playing robot; Ice Cream Wars; and A Bridge Too Far. ANDREW DAVIES/FOR METRO

Sentencing

House arrest, fine for illegal smokes

A Nova Scotia man has been fined \$153,000 and sentenced to a year of house arrest after being found guilty of possessing contraband cigarettes.

The RCMP say 28-year-old Elliot Forsyth of Amherst was charged with possession of contraband tobacco, possessing more than 1,000 cigarettes and possession of contraband cigarettes after his arrest last November.

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Small business

Confidence keeps climbing

Optimism among Nova Scotia's small-business owners improved for a fourth straight month.

Although below the national index of 67.7, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business said Wednesday its Business Barometer Index climbed to 64.1 for the province last month. The barometer tracks small-business expectations and confidence. METRO



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Sackville playground slide vandalized again

Not the first time.
Similar incident occurred about four years ago, and it took months to replace slide



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A playground at a Lower Sackville elementary school that's set to close in 2014 was vandalized early Wednesday morning, and one parent is worried it will not be replaced.

Gregory Canning, whose two children attend Gertrude Parker Elementary School, said he was saddened when he arrived at the school Wednesday to find the playground's slide had been set on fire.

"Our concern is that since our school is one of the ones up for closure, that there won't be any rush on replacing the slide," said Canning in a phone interview later that day.

Halifax regional fire spokesman Dave Meldrum said officials responded to a small fire at the school on Stokil Drive at about 4:30 a.m., but it was

quickly extinguished.

With the end of the school year approaching, Canning fears the children will have nowhere to play for the rest of the year.

"Whether or not there will be a playground in September even when the school opens up again ... is another story," he said.

But Shaune MacKinlay, spokeswoman for HRM, said city staff were out to assess the damage yesterday and a new slide has been ordered.

She could not say when it would be installed.

Business leaders: HRM budget much improved

The Halifax Regional Municipality's gets a B-minus from the Halifax Chamber of Commerce for its 2012-13 budget.

In a release issued on Wednesday, the chamber says it graded the budget accepted by Halifax Regional Council this week on its performance for competitiveness, fiscal responsibility, effective investing and spending, and leadership and accountability.

"The city has made great strides on fiscal responsibility and spending," Chamber president Valerie Payn said in a statement.

"But we are disappointed to see little to no movement

on the commercial tax reform front."

Last year, the chamber gave HRM's budget a grade of C.

Although the grade has improved, Payn said commercial tax competitiveness is still an area of major concern because there has been a total lack of progress in Halifax.

"The city has said time and time again that a business-friendly tax climate is paramount in ensuring our city is competitive and open for business," she said.

"It is time for government to walk the talk when it comes to economic development. If we went companies to move



Valerie Payn METRO FILE

to Halifax and, just as importantly, stay in Halifax, we cannot penalize them with uncompetitive taxes."

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Trial. Hunt for Tori was painstaking, court told

It was possibly the most exhaustive missing-person search in Canadian history, but only a bit of luck and a hunch finally led police to where Victoria Stafford, snatched outside her elementary school one spring afternoon, had been buried, court heard Wednesday.

In abduction cases such as this one, a police officer testified, statistics show only two per cent of victims are found alive.

Nonetheless, officers went to remarkable lengths to find eight-year-old Tori, logging more than 18,000 kilometres in their search for clues and the girl herself.

"Literally, we went one and a half times around the moon," Sgt. John Stirling, co-ordinator for the Ontario Provincial Police's search-and-rescue operations, testified.

Stirling told the trial of Michael Rafferty — who has denied kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing the Grade



OPP officers walk down a laneway near Mount Forest, Ont., Monday.
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3 student — about a painstaking search on foot, in cruisers and on ATV's and even underwater.

They sifted through hundreds of tonnes of garbage at a landfill over 20 days, needing decontamination at the end of each day.

They flew almost 1,000 kilometres in a helicopter in an effort to identify landmarks described by Rafferty's co-accused, Terri-Lynn McClintic, who later pleaded guilty to kidnapping and first-degree murder. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

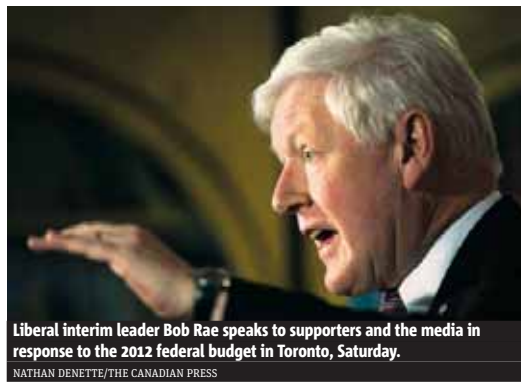
Rae calls for PM's resignation after stealth-fighter fiasco

All-out attack. Interim Liberal leader slams Harper after scathing auditor general report concludes manipulation

Bob Rae is laying the blame for the stealth-fighter controversy squarely on Stephen Harper — and he's demanding the prime minister's resignation.

The interim Liberal leader says Harper "lied" to Canadians during last May's election about having contractual protection against skyrocketing costs for the F-35 jets.

And he says Harper deliberately misled Parliament as well. Rae's all-out attack



Liberal interim leader Bob Rae speaks to supporters and the media in response to the 2012 federal budget in Toronto, Saturday.
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on Harper follows a scathing report by auditor general Michael Ferguson, who concluded that the National Defence Department manipulated the

process, low-balled cost estimates and kept Parliament in the dark to ensure it got the fighter jets it wanted.

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Quebec protest

Tuition hikes nearly cause riot

Montreal police arrested dozens of student protesters this morning after a group of demonstrators stormed the city's upscale Queen Elizabeth Hotel and a downtown shopping mall.

Police say they were called to the hotel after demonstrators started flipping tables and smashing dishes inside the building where John Lennon and Yoko Ono staged their famous bed-in for peace.

Quebec students have been holding regular demonstrations across the province for weeks to voice their opposition to the government's plan to hike tuition fees.

Montreal police dispersed today's crowd at the hotel — but they say some demonstrators headed straight for the nearby Centre Eaton shopping mall.

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Missing women inquiry head launches internal investigation



Commissioner Wally Oppal is silhouetted as he arrives for the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry public forum in Vancouver, B.C., on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The commissioner overseeing the public inquiry into the Robert Pickton case has launched a formal investigation into anonymous allegations of sexual harassment against his staff.

The allegations were contained in a story published Wednesday by the National Post, which reported that several former staff members told the newspaper they faced sexual and derogatory comments by commission staff.

None of the sources are named, and none make allegations against any specific staff member, but they did not al-

lege Wally Oppal was personally responsible.

Oppal said he first learned about the allegations last Friday, and he's since appointed lawyer Delayne Sartison to investigate the claims.

"As regrettable and as unfortunate as these allegations are, I can tell you that they would be dealt with," Oppal told reporters before hearings began Wednesday morning.

"We've appointed a lawyer who will have a free hand in conducting an independent investigation. She is from outside our inquiry, she's experienced

and well known in her particular field."

Oppal did not take questions or say how long Sartison has to complete her investigation.

Oppal, a former judge and one-time attorney general, said his staff have been under considerable stress, but he's never heard of allegations of harassment.

"The commission of inquiry has been very difficult for everyone involved, it's difficult because of the nature of what we're investigating here — the worst serial killer in Canadian history," he said.

"That necessarily brings with it a lot of stress and a lot of pressure, and all commissions of inquiry have those types of pressures."

Oppal released a more detailed written statement, in which he said there had been no formal complaints from any current or former staff members, and he said such behaviour wouldn't be tolerated if complaints were made.

The statement said staff have access to a psychologist if they have difficulty coping with the subject matter.

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Suicide bomber targets Somalia's prime minister

Terrorism. Theatre bombing kills 10 people, wounds dozens more

Two weeks ago, Somalia's National Theatre reopened for the first time in 20 years for a concert that drew an audience in festive colours in a city trying to rise above war.

A welcoming banner proclaimed: "The country is being rebuilt."

On Wednesday, the theatre was turned into a scene of screams, chaos and blood when a suicide bomber attacked another high-profile event, killing 10 people, wounding dozens and shattering a tentative peace in the capital, Mogadishu.

The blast occurred as Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali stood at the podium to deliver a speech.

He was unharmed, said

Near miss

Charge d'affaires Omar Jamal said the bombing was an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali.

- The prime minister was sitting among a group of officials, and the suicide bomber was in an adjacent row, trying to figure out which one was her target, when Ali got up and went on stage to speak.

government spokesman Abdirahman Omar Osman, but the president of Somalia's Olympic committee and the head of its soccer federation were among the dead.

The government said a female suicide bomber carried out the attack.

The Islamist militant group al-Shabab used its official Twitter feed to claim

responsibility for the bombing.

The al-Qaida-linked organization said explosives had been planted in the theatre before the event, but an Associated Press journalist at the scene said there was no large blast crater, making a suicide bombing more likely.

"It was a cowardly act and that will not deter the government from performing its national duties," Osman said.

Wednesday's ceremony was part of that rebirth of entertainment, celebrating the first anniversary of the start of a national TV station.

"The blast happened as musicians were singing and spectators were clapping for them," said Salah Jemale, who attended but received only scratches from the bombing.

"Huge smoke made the whole scene go dark."

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Hunger strike turns to riot

A riot policeman runs past fires caused by petrol bombs thrown by Bahraini anti-government protesters Wednesday in Sanabis, Bahrain, during clashes that erupted when police dispersed a march in support of an imprisoned human-rights activist who has been on a hunger strike for more than 50 days. HASAN JAMALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suicide bomber

Ten killed in Afghan bombing

A suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed at least 10 people, including three American soldiers, at a park in a relatively peaceful area of northern Afghanistan on Wednesday.

The Taliban, which claimed responsibility for the attack, are targeting Afghan and NATO security forces as they fight to assert their power and undermine U.S. efforts to try to build up the Afghan military, who will take the lead in combat responsibility over the next couple of years.

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Problematic poetry

Nobel laureate calls Israel threat

German Nobel literature laureate Guenter Grass labelled Israel a threat to "already fragile world peace" in a poem published Wednesday.

The poem criticized what he described as Western hypocrisy over Israel's own suspected nuclear program.

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Canada's polar bears alive and kicking

Study. A new survey reveals Canadian polar bears are surviving climate change better than predicted

Nunavut says a new survey shows Canada's polar bear population hasn't significantly declined in the last seven years as predicted and that the iconic

mammal has not been hurt by climate change.

An aerial survey done in August by the Nunavut government, in response to pressure from Inuit, estimated the western Hudson Bay bear population at around 1,000.

That's about the same number of bears found in a more detailed study done in 2004. That study, which physically tagged the bears, predicted the number would decline to about 650

Climate change

"It is not a crisis situation as a lot of people would like the world to believe."

Drikus Gissing, Nunavut's director of wildlife management

by 2011.

Last year's survey found fewer cubs — about 50 — than in previous years, but officials

say the new figures show the "doom-and-gloom" predictions of environmentalists about the demise of the polar bear have failed to come true.

"People have tried to use the polar bear as a bit of a poster child — it's a beautiful animal and it grabs the attention of the public — to make people aware of the impact of climate change," said Drikus Gissing, Nunavut's director of wildlife management. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A polar bear mother and her two cubs walk along the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man., in this file photo. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Winnipeg

House belonging to hoarder goes up in flames

A house fire in Winnipeg's West End kept emergency crews busy Wednesday morning after they had to break through the roof to get to the flames.

Police say the two people who live in the residence were not home at the time and no injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire has been determined to

be electrical and damage is estimated at \$100,000

While firefighters fell short of calling the house as belonging to a hoarder, district fire chief Eric Buschu said there were an "excess amount of household goods" that prevented firefighters from entering the house.

The house reportedly belonged to a man and his nephew.

Neighbours said the man was generous with helping people out and often cashed in his collectibles if someone needed money.

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New Orleans police officers, from left, Robert Faulcon Jr., Robert Gisevius Jr. and Kenneth Bowen arrive for booking on Jan. 2, 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Decades in jail for cops

New Orleans. Officers sentenced for falsifying shooting evidence

Five former New Orleans police officers were sentenced Wednesday to prison terms ranging from six to 65 years for their roles in deadly shootings of unarmed residents in the chaotic days after Hurricane Katrina, with the judge lashing out at prosecutors for two hours on their handling of the case.

Police shot six people at a

bridge on Sept. 4, 2005, killing two, less than a week after Katrina made landfall. To make the shootings appear justified, officers conspired to plant a gun, fabricate witnesses and falsify reports. The case became the centrepiece of the Justice Department's push to clean up the troubled New Orleans Police Department.

Kenneth Bowen, Robert Gisevius, Anthony Villavaso and Robert Faulcon were convicted of federal firearms charges that carried mandatory minimum prison sentences of at least 35 years. Retired

Sgt. Arthur "Archie" Kaufman, who was assigned to investigate the shootings, was convicted of helping orchestrate the cover-up.

Faulcon, who was convicted on charges in both fatal shootings, faces the stiffest sentence of 65 years. Bowen and Gisevius each face 40 years, while Villavaso was sentenced to 38. Kaufman received the lightest sentence at six years.

All five officers were convicted of participating in a cover-up.

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A tornado's legacy: Overturned cars litter streets in Lancaster, Texas, on Wednesday. ROBERT RAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twisters cut swath of fear

A dozen tornadoes. 650 homes damaged, 500 flights grounded in shocking start to Texas storm season

About 500 flights were grounded Wednesday at one of the busiest U.S. airports after as many as a dozen tor-

nadoes tore through northern Texas.

Thousands were left without power and hundreds of homes were pummelled.

The Red Cross estimated that 650 homes were damaged.

Hundreds of flights into and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field were cancelled or diverted to other destinations.

In one industrial section of Dallas, rows of empty tractor-trailers, crumpled up like soda cans, littered a parking lot.

In Lancaster, television helicopters panned over exposed homes without roofs and flattened buildings.

Utility officials said nearly 14,000 homes and businesses, mainly in the Arlington area, still had no electricity early Wednesday.

In Arlington, a tornado hurtled toward a nursing home.

Physical therapist Patti Gilroy said she saw the swirling mass barreling down through the back door, after herding patients into the hallway in the order trained: walkers, wheelchairs, then beds.

"It sounded like a bomb hit," Gilroy added.

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Climate. CO2 spikes ended ice age: Study

Dramatic temperature increases that thawed the last ice age followed spikes in carbon-dioxide levels in the air, a new study finds.

The study, published on Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, estimated global temperatures using ice and mud samples from dozens of locations around the world and found that globally, temperatures clearly went up only after carbon dioxide jumped.

"This, to me, seems like pretty powerful proof ... of the connection between greenhouse gases and global warming," said study lead author Jeremy Shankun of Harvard University.

The ice sheet in the last ice age was actually so large that

The evidence

6,000

Carbon-dioxide levels have jumped roughly the same amount in the last century as they did over 6,000 years to get out of the ice age, said study lead author Jeremy Shankun.

it was unstable, said study co-author Peter Clark of Oregon State University.

The initial trigger to the melt: A small and predictable wobble in Earth's orbit around the sun.

That tiny wobble meant a tilt toward the sun that brought more sunlight in the Northern Hemisphere.

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Spring storms

Ship hits rocks as Britain shivers

Seven crew members were rescued from a cargo ship that ran aground during gales near Colwyn Bay, north Wales.

Meanwhile, thousands of people were without electricity Wednesday as snow and heavy winds lashed many parts of Britain. Twenty centimetres of snow fell in the north.

The Antigua-registered ship *Carrier* hit rocks near Colwyn Bay. Two rescue helicopters lifted the seven Polish crew members to safety. Experts were trying Wednesday to refloat the 82-metre vessel.

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Spring storms

Typhoon-like winds kill four

A powerful storm with typhoon-strength winds and heavy rain halted planes and trains in Tokyo and killed four people around the country.

Winds of more than 144 kilometres an hour were recorded as the storm swept across Japan's main island of Honshu.

Police reported the four deaths: two people killed in warehouse collapses, an elderly man who fell off a roof and a woman crushed by a falling tree. Hundreds more were injured.

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Miss Universe. Woman born a male may have started a trend: Trump

A Canadian woman barred from the Miss Universe pageant because she was born a male has been given the thumbs-up to participate in the contest.

And there's a suggestion that her case might allow others like her to take part in future.

Donald Trump, who runs the Miss Universe Organization, has confirmed that Jenna Talackova can compete to represent her country in the pageant and he wished her luck in her quest for the crown.

Talackova, from Vancouver, had said she was devastated when she was originally told she'd be excluded for not being a "natural born woman."

Trump told ABC's Good Morning America Wednesday that Talackova's case may open up the contest to other transgender hopefuls.

"Probably, we'll have to open it up from that standpoint," he said.

Trump added that his pageant had followed the appropriate Canadian and U.S. laws



Jenna Talackova's passport, birth certificate and driver's licence say she's a woman, her lawyer says. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in deciding the matter.

"The laws are very clear. So, based on that about two days ago, we decided to let her compete and we hope she does well," he said.

Talackova had gender-reassignment surgery when she was 19.

She says she knew as young as four that she was a female.

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Welcome to the island of goddesses

An artist performs during the unveiling of Cirque du Soleil's new show, Amaluna, in Montreal on Wednesday. Amaluna invites the audience to a mysterious island governed by goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. And, oh yes, there's a poignant love story involved. The show opens in Montreal on April 19 and travels later to Quebec City, Toronto and Vancouver. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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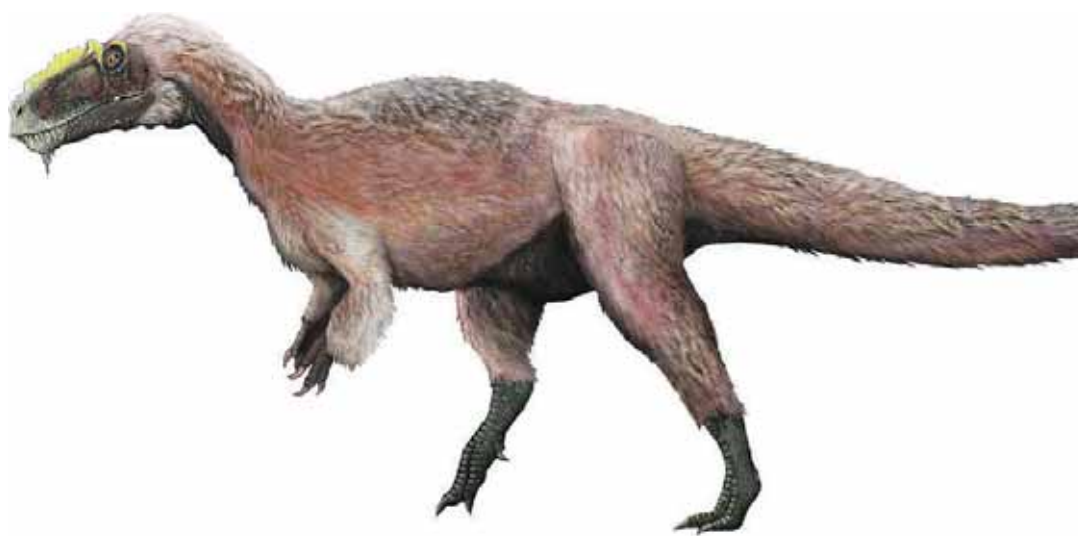
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This artist concept shows a new species of tyrannosaur, *Y. huali*, discovered in China. A new study published in the journal *Nature* found that *Y. huali*, an earlier relative of *T. rex*, had a feathery coat. BRIAN CHOO/BEIJING INSTITUTE OF VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY AND PALEOANTHROPOLOGY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

T. rex may have sported 'fluffy down'

A softer side? A discovery by scientists uncovers feathery ancestor to *T. rex*

The discovery of a giant meat-eating dinosaur sporting a downy coat has some scientists reimagining the look of *Tyrannosaurus rex*.

With a killer jaw and sharp claws, *T. rex* has long been depicted in movies and popular culture as having scaly skin. But the discovery of an earlier relative suggests the king of dinosaurs may have had a softer side.

The evidence comes from the unearthing of a new tyrannosaur species in north-eastern China that lived 60 million years before *T. rex*.

The fossil record preserved remains of fluffy down, making it the largest feathered dinosaur ever found.

If a *T. rex* relative had feathers, why not *T. rex*? Scientists said the evidence is trending in that direction.

"People need to start changing their image of *T. rex*," said Luis Chiappe, director of the Dinosaur Institute at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, who was not part of the discovery team.

Much smaller dinosaurs with primitive feathers have been excavated in recent years, but this is the first direct sign of a huge, shaggy dinosaur. Scientists have long debated whether gigantic dinosaurs lost their feathers the bigger they got or were just not as extensively cov-

Misrepresented

"People need to start changing their image of *T. rex*"

Luis Chiappe, director of the Dinosaur Institute at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

ered.

The new tyrannosaur species, *Yutyrannus huali*, is described in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*. Its name is a blend of Latin and Mandarin, which translates to "beautiful feathered tyrant."

A team of Chinese and Canadian scientists analyzed three well-preserved fossil skeletons — an adult and two juveniles — recovered from a quarry in China's Liaoning province by a private fossil dealer. Most striking

were remains of down-like feathers on the neck and arm. Though coverage was patchy, scientists suspected the species had feathers over much of its body.

It would have felt like touching "long, thick fur," co-author Corwin Sullivan of the Chinese Academy of Sciences said in an email. Another scientist, Thomas Holtz Jr. at the University of Maryland, compared it to the feathers of an emu.

The creature lived about 125 million years ago. At 30 feet (10 metres) long and weighing a ton, *Y. huali* would have reached *T. rex*'s chest.

Instead, the dino-fuzz likely provided insulation, though camouflage or showing it off like a peacock could not be ruled out.

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Exhibit

Trinkets on display

University of Alberta human ecology students are trekking out an exhibit this weekend showcasing just what tacky and treasured travel finds make the trip home from vacation.

Prof. Megan Strickfaden, who led the project through her material culture in the home and community class, said things people stow in suitcases vary from hand-crafted fare to symbolic reminders.

"It might not even be made in the country, like an Eiffel Tower that's actually made in China," she said.

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Spiderman. Stuntman considering suing

A stuntman who claims he suffered a concussion, whiplash and two holes in his knees while performing in Broadway's *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark* has asked producers to turn over any relevant information as he weighs pursuing a negligence lawsuit.

The stuntman, Richard Kobak, claims in a series of papers filed earlier this year in state Supreme Court that he suffered the leg injuries in 2010 while filling in for another injured stuntman at the most expensive show in Broadway history.

He alleges that the rigging he used for the show's aerial acrobatics wasn't recalibrated for him and, as

a result, he made 70 hard landings on stage during performances and rehearsals. He says the hard landings created a 1.4-millimetre hole in his right knee and a 9-millimetre hole in his left knee.

He also alleges that a computer program controlling one of his jumps from a balcony sent him flying into a wall. He says he suffered two herniated discs, whiplash and a concussion.

A spokesman for the producers did not have an immediate comment Wednesday.

During the production's rocky start, several accidents marred performances.

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A Spiderman stuntman may pursue a lawsuit against producers for injuries sustained in 2010.

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Protest in Greece after retiree kills himself over crisis

Making a statement. Retired pharmacist, 77, drew a handgun and shot himself in head in crowded public square

A Greek retiree shot himself dead in the busiest public square in Athens during morning rush hour Wednesday, leaving a note police said linked his suicide with the country's acute financial woes.

Hours later, more than 1,500 anti-austerity protesters gathered in the square, responding to social-media calls for peaceful demonstrations accusing Greek politicians of driving people to despair with harsh cutbacks implemented to secure vital international bailouts.

Limited scuffles broke out between the protesters and riot police. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A woman places a flower as others stand at the site where an elderly man fatally shot himself at Athens' main Syntagma Square on Wednesday.

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Guantanamo Bay

New trial set for accused terrorists

The Pentagon said Wednesday it is ready to resume a trial at Guantanamo Bay for the acknowledged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks and four other men, more than two years after President Barack Obama halted the case in an ultimately failed effort to prosecute them in a civilian court.

A Department of Defence legal official known as the convening authority has approved trying the five together on capital charges that include terrorism and murder, making them eligible for the death penalty if convicted. They are expected to be arraigned in May before a military judge at the U.S. base in Cuba.

Prosecutors had filed the charges last May. Lawyers had hoped that two of the men would be tried separately on non-capital charges because they are accused of relatively minor roles in the plot.

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College shooting. Suspect upset about expulsion, teasing

One Goh's life was on the skids even before he became the suspect in the nation's biggest mass school shooting since the 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech.

He was chased by creditors. He grieved the death of his brother. In January, he was expelled from Oikos University, a small Christian school where he was studying nursing. And, police say, he was angry.

Goh, who was born in South Korea, told them he felt disrespected by teasing about his poor English skills at the Oakland school — a college founded as a safe place where Korean immigrants could adjust to a new country and build new careers.

So, he bought a gun and a few weeks later took his revenge, opening fire at the college on Monday in a rampage that left six students and a receptionist dead and wounded three more, authorities said.

"It's very, very sad," police Chief Howard Jordan said. "We have seven people who didn't deserve to die and three others wound-

Charges

Police said Goh has co-operated with officers — though he would not reveal where he left the semi-automatic pistol used in the shooting — and is being held without bail on suspicion of seven counts of murder, three counts of attempted murder and other charges.

ed because someone who couldn't deal with the pressures of life."

Police have released little background information about Goh, other than to say he had become a U.S. citizen.

Since his arrest at a supermarket near the school soon after the shooting, the details of his life that have emerged so far suggest a man struggling to deal with personal and family difficulties over the past 10 years.

Several hundred mourners from Oakland's sizeable Korean community gathered at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland Tuesday evening to pay tribute to the victims.

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20 years later, Miss Besieged Sarajevo looks back on win

Symbol of resistance.

Inela Nogic recalls the 1993 beauty pageant that defied the Serb siege of Sarajevo

Cry for help

"This was another outcry to draw attention and have someone do something. We just wanted this war to end."

Inela Nogic

It was not the typical wish of a beauty queen.

Instead of asking for "world peace" as she was crowned Miss Besieged Sarajevo in 1993, 17-year-old Inela Nogic unfolded a banner that read: "Don't let them kill us."

The war-defying pageant reflected the character of the 380,000 people who lived in Sarajevo then, residents trying to continue normal city life despite daily shelling and sniper fire under the almost four-year-long military siege by Bosnian Serbs that started in 1992.

Now she is a mother of two who lives in the Netherlands and often visits her parents in Sarajevo.

This week, for the first time in two decades, she climbed again onto the stage where she once became one of Sarajevo's most electric symbols of resistance.

"Oh my God, how weird," she said, covering her face with her hands and trying to hold back the tears.

Last time she was here, she braved shells and snipers just to get to the contest and then to get home with her crown.

"It was a crazy thing to do during a war. But we tried to live a normal life. It was some kind of a defence mechanism we all had," Nogic said.

What Sarajevo residents really wanted was an end to the death and destruction, the restoration of electricity, water and heating, a halt to the 330 shells smashing into the city each day. More than 11,500 civilians in what is now the Bosnian capital were killed from April 1992 until March 1996, including some 1,600 children.

Defying the siege, residents organized musicals and film screenings in basements, trying to prove to themselves and the rest of the world that they were "indestructible," according to the organizers of the bizarre beauty pageant.

So with a sound system blaring Eve of Destruction, Nogic and 12 other teenagers — some with shrapnel scars on their slender legs — took to the stage to vie for the title of Miss Besieged Sarajevo.

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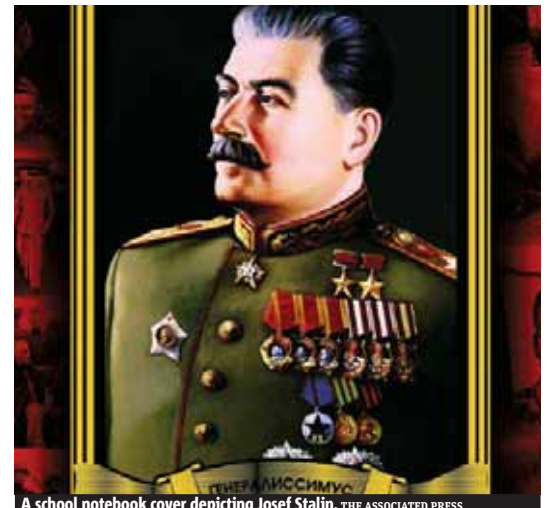
Stalin's portrait on school notebooks stirs controversy

School notebooks with a portrait of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin have been causing a controversy in Russia since they went on sale this week.

While human-rights activists and historians have warned that the notebooks wrongly instill a positive image of Stalin in children's minds, eager customers have been snapping them up in Moscow bookstores.

In response to numerous pleas to take action, Education Minister Andrei Fursenko said that he disapproves of the notebooks, but has no legal way to stop their publication or sale.

The notebooks are part of a series called "Great Russians," which places Stalin among famous composers and czars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A school notebook cover depicting Josef Stalin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Top: In this May 29, 1993, file photo, Inela Nagic, 17, reacts after winning the Miss Besieged Sarajevo contest in Sarajevo. Bottom: On March 16, 2012, Nagic visits the venue where she was crowned 20 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Miss Sarajevo

Nagic's magical smile and the famous banner inspired the Irish rock group U2 to create a song devoted to her and her city — "Miss Sarajevo" — which they often performed with opera star Luciano Pavarotti.

- At a U2 concert in Sarajevo in 1997, two years after the war ended, frontman Bono led Nagic by the hand to the stage as he sang, "Here she comes, heads turn around,

here she comes, to take her crown."

- To this day, the image of an endearing 17-year-old unfolding the historic banner is part of almost every video made about besieged Sarajevo. "Mom made me take part in the contest," Nagic said, adding that she never expected anything from it. "It took me a long time to realize I became a symbol."

Troublesome tourists. Brits pester embassies

Troublesome tourists bombard British embassies with bizarre requests for help — seeking assistance booking restaurants, finding directions or making romantic advances toward locals, U.K. Foreign Secretary William Hague said Wednesday.

Announcing plans to bolster the response by diplomats to emergencies in other countries, Hague disclosed details of the wild demands made to embassies by travelling Britons.

A tourist in the United States called diplomats last year after he discovered ants in his Florida rental home, while a visitor to Spain requested help finding a suitable spot for Christmas lunch.

"We are not the people to turn to if you can't find your false teeth, if your sat nav is broken and you need direc-

Wild demands

"Our commitment to good relations with our neighbours does not, I am afraid, extend to translating 'I love you' into Hungarian, as we were asked to do by one love-struck British tourist."

U.K. Foreign Secretary William Hague

tions ... if you are looking for a dog-minder while you are on holiday," he said. Hague announced plans to open a new crisis centre to better handle emergencies overseas, to train more staff to respond and to set up 24-hour phone lines to offer advice to stranded British travellers.

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Activism

Moroccan rapper on trial for lyrics

A Moroccan court denied bail on Wednesday to a rapper charged with attacking the image of the security services in a song about police corruption.

Mouad Belghouat was arrested March 29 after Morocco's National Security agency filed a suit against him, and he is now being tried for insulting a state institution, a charge that could lead to a prison sentence.

The rapper, also known as El-Haqe, or "the enraged," writes songs about corruption and social injustice and is involved in the pro-democracy Feb. 20 movement.

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Finance fracas

Carney dismisses bankers' concern

Mark Carney is firing back at Canadian bankers for requesting a pause on global financial reforms aimed at averting a repeat of the 2008 global crisis.

The Bank of Canada governor said that reforms should continue until the structural changes needed to eliminate irresponsible risk-taking are completed.

And he dismissed concerns voiced by Canadian Bankers Association head Terry Campbell who cited "unintended consequences" Tuesday when he said no one knows what impact the comprehensive reforms would have on the system.

Carney, who has fought resistance to reforms from the U.S. banking community, appeared to have no patience with even mild concerns from Canada's banking sector.

"No one pressed pause in the middle of the financial crisis when \$4 trillion was lost and 28 million jobs were lost — 400,000 here in Canada," he said.

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Banking on big bonuses

National Bank CEO and president Louis Vachon attends the company's annual general meeting in Montreal on Wednesday. An activist group is calling on the bank to change the way it pays its top executives, saying the \$8.4 million in salary and bonuses paid to Vachon last year was "exorbitant." GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CBC slashes jobs in wake of budget

Public broadcaster. Facing a \$200-million shortfall, CBC announces major layoffs and potential advertising on radio

Fans of the CBC can expect fewer new shows on television and more ads on radio as the public broadcaster cuts hundreds of jobs in the wake of the federal budget.

News and entertainment will be hit but marquee TV and radio programs, as well as hockey broadcasts, will be protected, CBC officials said Wednesday.

The changes followed the decision by the Conserva-

tives to axe 10 per cent of the broadcaster's budget as part of a government-wide cost-cutting effort.

Government funding makes up about 64 per cent of CBC's budget and the corporation receives about \$1.15 billion a year from taxpayers.

While the Tories have had a bull's-eye on the corporation for years, CBC President Hubert Lacroix wouldn't say whether he viewed the cuts as political payback.

The public broadcaster expects to lay off more than 650 people over the next three years, with the majority let go this year.

Lacroix says the financial pressure doesn't just come from the federal govern-

ment cuts. In reality, the CBC faces a \$200-million shortfall, as well as \$25 million in severance costs for the layoffs.

About \$50 million will be made up in new revenue and the CBC has applied for permission to run ads on CBC Radio 2 and Espace musique.

But to cut costs, the CBC is making major changes across the country.

They'll sell buildings, close music libraries, move broadcasts of Radio Canada International entirely to the Internet and cut back on news, music and sports programming.

The savings will be spread between both English and French services.

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Fuel frustration. Gas prices spike across the country

Gasoline prices are up sharply in many parts of Canada and, while a hike Wednesday was less than some predicted, the consensus suggests it's just the beginning of increases heading into the summer.

"Normally gasoline prices start to retreat after the May 24 holiday weekend, but I can't see this happening this year," said analyst Roger McKnight of Oshawa-based En-Pro International Inc. "I can see this sticking right through the middle of July."

In Toronto, prices were up almost 3.4 cents a litre on Wednesday afternoon to an average of about \$1.38 for regular gasoline, according to GasBuddy.com, a website that compiles data submitted by users across the country.

Prices were also up 2.6 cents per litre in Ottawa, for an average price of \$1.32 per litre, and up 2.4 cents to nearly \$1.36 in Hamilton, according to GasBuddy.com.

Elsewhere, the price spike was more modest.

In Quebec City, GasBuddy said prices were up less than half a cent at \$1.41 per litre and they actually declined in Montreal by six-tenths of a cent to about \$1.47 per litre.

Motorists were also taking it on the chin in Edmonton, with prices up four cents per litre to over \$1.18, still the lowest price among major Canadian cities surveyed.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said gas prices "are a concern for everyone" and the shocks are not just limited to Canada.

"People around the world are seeing oil prices go up — the Americans, the British, everybody is seeing the same phenomena. The reason for that of course is because the price of oil is a global price, it's not a national price," he told reporters in Vancouver.

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Automakers. Canadian vehicle sales up in March

Canadian auto sales rose a modest 2.8 per cent in March as consumers bought more new cars than a year earlier, offsetting a slight decline in truck sales.

Automakers sold some 157,750 vehicles for the month, compared to 153,485 in March a year ago, according to data from DesRosiers Auto Consultants.

A 6.5 per cent boost in car sales more than offset a drop in truck sales of 0.3 per cent.

The Detroit Big Three automakers — Chrysler, Ford and GM — lost market share to foreign nameplates, which now make up some 55.7 per cent of the Canadian market place.

Still, Ford Canada was the best selling automaker last month, wresting the title

back from Chrysler, which had been the top-selling automaker in Canada for the opening two months of the year.

Ford Canada sold 24,690 vehicles in March, with particularly strong interest in the Ford Focus, Edge and Flex, but the overall volume was a decline from 25,526 in March 2011.

"There was a slight decline in March, however it was still a very strong month considering that last March we set a 12-year record," said Dianne Craig, president and CEO at Ford of Canada.

Despite a strong challenge from Ford, Chrysler Canada has just completed its best month since 2000, with March sales jumping eight per cent to 22,703 vehicles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Economy taking a hit from aging population: BoC

Demographics.

Canadian firms need to be more proactive on dealing with an aging workforce, bank's deputy governor says

The economy is starting to pay a price as a result of the aging population, and the cost will grow unless Canadians adjust, says the Bank of Canada.

In a speech to the Economic Club in Toronto, deputy governor Jean Boiven said the aging workforce will reduce potential growth in Canada by about 0.2 percentage points by 2014, and the impact grows from there.

"The aging of the population has begun and it will soon accelerate," he said in notes of the speech released in Ottawa.

"Ultimately, if we ignore

the reality of aging and make no adjustments, the consequence will be a lower standard of living."

By 2031, one in four people will be over 65, he said.

By the central bank's calculations, the average income of Canadians could be as much as 20 per cent lower in two decades than it otherwise would be due to the aging population.

Boiven said the demographic squeeze — caused by baby boomers, low birth rates and longer life expectancy — has major implications for both governments and businesses.

Aging will put pressure on the labour markets, he said, as well as individual savings rates, government finances and the redistribution of wealth across generations.

"The pressure points show that change is upon us no matter what we do," he said.

"To avoid drastic declines

Action on aging

- The federal government has already taken some action to adjust. In December, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty capped future growth in federal health care spending to match the growth in the economy.
- In last week's budget, Ottawa announced it will move the retirement age for the purpose of receiving Old Age Security benefits to 67 years from 65, starting in 2023.

in our living standards or shifting too great a burden on the next generations, there are only three options — more work, greater productivity and higher savings."

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Traders hop to it

Traders wearing bunny ears work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York on Wednesday. The company Annie's, whose mascot happens to be a rabbit, rang the opening bell.

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Online video

YouTube reaches deal with Paramount Pictures

YouTube and Paramount Pictures have reached a deal to make nearly 500 films available to rent online, even while their parent companies continue to feud over a \$1 billion lawsuit.

The agreement announced Wednesday makes Paramount the fifth major Hollywood studio to join YouTube's online video store, a growing rental library that typically charges \$2 to \$4 per viewing. 20th Century Fox is now the only major studio holdout.

But Paramount seemed less likely to join given that its parent company, Viacom Inc., is still pursuing a 2006 lawsuit that seeks damages for alleged piracy by YouTube, which is owned by Google. A federal judge in New York ruled in 2010 that YouTube hadn't broken U.S. laws governing digital piracy, but Viacom is appealing the decision.

The Paramount films will be available on YouTube Rentals and Google Play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wireless

Cellphone users talking less, texting more: Report

Cellphone users are doing less talking and more texting, emailing and internet surfing on their devices, habits that are being driven by the increased use of smartphones, says a new report.

Canada's big three wire-

less providers — Rogers, Bell and Telus — saw a 34 per cent increase in data revenue growth in 2011, according to the Convergence Consulting Group.

About 45 per cent of Canada's wireless subscribers use smartphones, up from about 20 per cent in 2009, said Convergence cofounder Brahm Eiley. That's expected to go up to 56 per cent by the end of this year, he said.

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A new Canadian study is out that shows unhealthy eaters, drinkers, smokers and layabouts die sooner, proving for the first time in a major research paper that major

research papers are useless.

My first reaction is to ask what's new here. It seems like scientists got a research grant, slacked off for a few months with Doritos and Xbox, then realized their deadline had arrived and slapped something together about unhealthy living, their orange fingertips staining the keyboard.

But that's not the main reason health studies like this are useless. No, the big reason is that clearly nobody listens to them.

The study says 60 per cent of all people die because of problems stemming from drinking, smoking and other preventable health issues. Other Canadian deaths are caused by:

- 15 per cent: Run over by a bus while playing Angry Birds.
- 15 per cent: Death by overexposure because 5 C weather in March led them to wear a T-shirt and shorts.
- 10 per cent: Rightly beaten to death for shouting, "Whooh! Party!" on the sidewalk at 4 a.m.

So, any way you look at it, we kind of get what's coming to us. Widespread unhealthiness is why study after study comes out saying the same thing. Because though research papers may be stupid and repetitive, nothing is more stupid and repetitive than the average person.

My solution? So glad you asked. Let's admit our approach is wrong and reverse course. Completely. Let's embrace Death.

I have a cigarette-smoking friend of mine who suggests, tobacco firmly in cheek, that the government should be happy she smokes since people usually die of lung cancer so quickly.

I say she's on to something. If we're all going to be hedonistic dopes — and we are — then let's embrace our early deaths and save on health care. Given government budget problems, I'm sure politicians would be happy if we went so all-in that we moved straight past health-care spending and directly into boost-ing the funeral industry.

I like to imagine Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty getting frustrated as he watches those "Make Death Wait" Heart and Stroke commercials where "Death" blathers on about all the nearby people he's going to kill eventually.

"What are you, a Bond villain?" Dalton yells at the screen. "Shut up and finish the job!"

With my pragmatic approach, we can expect new provincial slogans like: "New Brunswick — The Pitcher Province"; "Yukon — Home of both types of Klondike Bar"; and "Ontario — Smoke 'em if you got 'em."

And we can save researchers and health organizations from the pain of being ignored when they could be trying Blazin' Jalapeno Doritos and learning a new move on NHL '12.

Let's not make Death wait, people. He's a busy man.



It's time to turn the tables, or strollers, and embrace our sluggish ways.

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The newly waxed



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Immortalized

Royals get (wax) seal of approval

MARYLEBONE, LONDON. The moment Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their engagement has been immortalized ... in wax. Madame Tussauds has unveiled waxwork figures of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, adorned in replicas of the outfits they wore at the announcement in November 2010. **METRO**

Frenzy

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Sculptor Stephen Mansfield



Will and Kate after announcing their engagement. GETTY IMAGES

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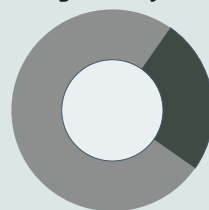
pounds (about \$240,000) is how much it cost to create each figure. A team of sculptors and hair and colour artists took four months to complete the waxworks.



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Richard Crouse got a lot of flack for loving *Wanderlust* — but he's putting it out there again. Go see it if you haven't yet. HANDOUT

See them before they're gone

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Long weekend. Ditch the egg hunts and spring cleaning and check out these films you may have missed over the last little while

Richard: Mark, my four-star review of the movie *Wanderlust* got me the most hate mail I've received since my pan of *The Passion of the Christ*. I should note that for every hateful, name-calling email I received, I also got one thanking me for recommending the film, but WOW did the people who hated the movie ever take it out on me. Having said that, I'm going to invite more invective and recommend it again. Go see it before it leaves the theatres forever. It's a funny, if

quite raunchy, movie.

Mark: I don't know why *Wanderlust* was so pilloried by the critics and so ignored by the audience. Fear of the '60s, perhaps. But like you, I loved it. Let me put in a few kind words about *Salmon Fishing In Yemen*. The title might be off-putting but it's a gentle satire and romance with great performances by Ewan Macgregor and Kristin Scott-Thomas. The visuals are crisp as is the dialogue. You could take your granny to this one but it still has a bit of an edge.

RC: You failed to mention the charming Emily Blunt, who to me, was the reason to see *Salmon Fishing*. On the other end of the scale is *Goon*, a Canadian hockey movie that rivals *Slap Shot* for profanity and sheer bravado. It's a mix

Synopsis

- Long weekends are the perfect time to catch up on all those movies you've been meaning to see but haven't. In this special long weekend column, the Reel Guys suggest some of the best movies to check out this weekend before they leave theatres.

of romance and hockey, but let's be real here; the only love story anyone cared about in this movie was the love of the game.

MB: Didn't see it because I'm not a hockey fan and after *Breakaway* and *Score* I wasn't optimistic. I am a Woody Harrelson fan, though, and *Rampart* is still playing in theatres. More of a character study than a

story, Woody plays the ultimate bad cop as we see his world fall to pieces. Dark, rough, and thoroughly enjoyable.

RC: Wow, your picks are way more heavy-duty than mine. I guess we know who the serious Reel Guy is. My last long weekend pick is *Chronicle*. It's sci fi, which I usually don't care much for, and it is one of those "found footage" films, which I really don't usually care for, but the story of three friends who gain superpowers is original, funny and smart.

MB: I really enjoyed *Chronicle*. A wonderful combination of glorious sci-fi set in the world of totally believable and realistic teens. So I'm in total agreement with you on that one. Of course it's no John Carter. But what is?

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Canada helps create RoboCop statue

Plans are moving forward for a Detroit statue of the fictional crime-fighting cyborg RoboCop. The Detroit News reports Wednesday that a RoboCop model is being scanned at a studio in Canada. When the scanning process is completed, artists will create foam pieces that will be shipped to Detroit's Venus Bronze Works, where the parts of the statue will be cast. Jerry Paffendorf, who is involved in the effort, says the statue "will have a physical, as well as conceptual, origin in Detroit." Location and a completion date are uncertain.

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Censors in Thailand ban film based on Shakespeare's Macbeth as too divisive

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Thriller pays homage to the horror genre

Cabin in the Woods. Director Drew Goddard talks of his love for the masterminds of fright — and things that go bump in the night

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You think you know the story. As the tagline for the new thriller Cabin in the

Woods, it's a pretty accurate tease. It's also about all that can be said without giving away the film's bizarre plot.

"Here's the most insane version of a horror movie we could possibly come up with so that we could show everyone we love this genre," said filmmaker Drew Goddard of the shocker that hits theatres April 13.

"This is not one of those this-is-so-horrific-it's-going-to-give-you-nightmares hor-

ror movies.

"This is the one where you laugh as much as you scream."

Set up as a typical genre yarn, Cabin casts a group of college kids on a weekend getaway to a creepy wilderness cottage. However, once they get there and the zombies rise ... well, it grows even crazier. It's a film that's imbued with Sam Raimi and the spirit of Evil Dead — not shocking considering Goddard's idols.

"Certainly the big benchmarks for me were Sam Raimi and John Carpenter as directors — their films are very much in the DNA of Cabin in the Woods," said Goddard, who insists the thriller pays homage to all scary movies.

"I love the journey of the horror film. I love seeing where it's been and I love thinking about where it's going."

Goddard can thank the film's co-writer and television guru Joss Whedon

Inside the Cabin

Film is more than just a few scares

Does Cabin in the Woods have a deeper meaning? We asked Drew Goddard if there was more to it than just cheap thrills.

"Certainly the questions at the core of Cabin are why do we need horror movies," he says.

"Why do we need to

see kids killed on screen that sort of fulfils this primal need in us as a people?"

And Goddard says that in making Cabin, he was careful to not get too funny, but balance the scary moments with laughs.

"It was very important that we didn't get into spoof territory because we love the genre and we just wanted to celebrate it," he says.

(Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel) for his directorial debut. One of Whedon's former writers, Goddard credits the upcoming The Avengers filmmaker for a smooth transition to the big-screen.

"In the TV world, you're

sort of in charge. You're talking to the actors, you're overseeing cuts, you're sort of doing a lot of the things that in the feature world counts as directing," said Goddard.

"So I definitely felt I had good practice."



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If Tim and Eric had a billion dollars...

Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie. The awkwardly comedic duo would spend it on a movie — that lasted only five minutes

HEIDI
PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim are the masters of anti-humour. Whenever you see a punch line coming, they'll find some way to divert from your expectations. After a decade as a comic duo, and a four-season run with their show on Adult Swim, *The Tim and Eric Awesome Show Good Job!* the two have made their first feature film, *Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie*, in which they squander said amount of money on a grandiose five minute movie. Expect the unexpected with these two.



Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim HANDOUT

Who gave you permission to make this movie, and did co-star Robert Loggia have anything to do with it?

Heidecker: No, he's just an actor. We got permission from our families. They gave us initial permission and said 'We wish you the best' and sent us on our way and God bless them for doing it, too.

So what do you want me to write about your film?

Wareheim: That we care about our families. They're very close to us. We care about loving them, even if they're going through different things, like if they're gay or have a disease, we'll be with them till the end because we're blood.

Heidecker: I also think, on that note, that obviously this movie isn't going to be for everybody, but if you come to it with an open heart and an open mind, then there's a chance that it's going to get to you. And what's going to happen is you're going to end up laughing and you're going to end up having a good time.

Comedy



American Reunion

Directors. Jon Hurwitz, Jason Schlossberg

Stars. Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Eugene Levy

American Reunion has everything you'd expect from an American Pie flick: sex, nudity and the awkward conversations with Jim's dad (Levy). This latest installment of the Pie franchise centres around the all-important 13th high-school reunion. The gang is back and ready to party like it's 1999. The nostalgic will enjoy American Reunion — the film exploits every remotely amusing joke from the original.

REGAN REID

Thriller



The Raid: Redemption

Director. Gareth Evans

Stars. Iko Uwais, Ananda George, Ray Sahetapy

An ingeniously shot and edited low-budget thriller, *The Raid: Redemption* brings Indonesian genre cinema back to life. This Jakarta-set tale of a SWAT team raid gone wrong may be the international action film of the year. Director Gareth Evans stages gunplay and hand-to-hand-combat with the exuberance and élan of a director who loves his material, and the cast — actors, stuntmen and martial artists — tear into their physically demanding roles with relish.

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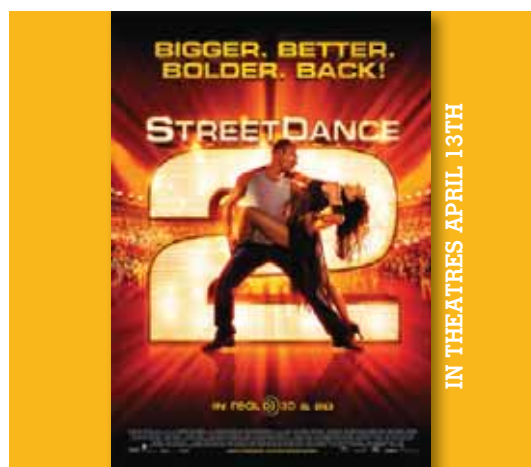
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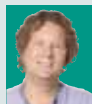
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Sound Check

The mystery of the giant hole



SOUND CHECK
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Here is a fundamental question that every vinyl lover has asked: why is the hole of a 7-inch single so big?

For the first 50 years of

the turntable's existence, the spindle on which you placed the record, was a standard size: approximately .283 inches. That was also the size of the hole drilled into all records. When Columbia Records introduced the 33 1/3 RPM long-playing album in 1948, they kept the hole in the center the same size. However, Columbia's archival, RCA, was most annoyed at this new format.

Rather than licence Columbia's technology for their

releases, RCA introduced their own new record, the 7-inch single that spun at 45 RPM and had a center hole that measured 1.5-inches in diameter.

Why would they do something like that? Two reasons.

While the LP promised up to 22 minutes of uninterrupted music per side, RCA's crowd that their 45s could be stacked on the special tall, fat spindle — about six-inches high — that was exclusive to RCA-manufactured

turntables.

Once a side of a 45 finished playing after five or six minutes, the tone arm moved away long enough for the next for the record to drop down onto the platter.

The tone arm then swung back into place and the music would continue.

With the ability to stack up to ten 45s on the RCA spindle, it was theoretically possible for the music to continue for a full hour without human interven-

tion. RCA wanted their new format to crush Columbia's LPs, so they began selling turntables that could only play 45s. The thinking was that once someone bought one of these turntables with the fat spindles, they were theoretically locked into buying music in that format from then on. It was just like the future VHS/Beta and Blu-ray/HD-Video wars. But there was a more scientific reason for the larger hole.

When a new 45 dropped

from the spindle onto the turntable, it was required to spin up from a dead stop to 45 RPM very quickly.

This torque tended to cause the small holes to go out-of-round very quickly, causing record to wobble as it spun. The larger hole allowed the sudden rotational force to be distributed over a longer path — $\pi \times 1.5 =$ about 4.712 inches — reducing wear and allowing the hole to stay round longer. And now you know.

Of Monsters and Men: You are what you sing

Music scene.

The latest Nordic buzz band is riding a wave since their SXSW breakthrough show

CHRIS LEO PALERMINO
Metro World News

For a country with half the population of Center City, Iceland sure has a diverse music scene. Of Monsters and Men, the latest export from the Nordic nation, were one of the most talked about bands at last month's SXSW. The sextet from Reykjavik hit the U.S. airwaves running when they performed their hit single Little Talks on Seattle radio station KEXP during Iceland Airwaves, their premiere music festival.

"We didn't know what radio station it was. They came to my apartment (to record). We definitely didn't think it would turn out so big," says co-singer and guitarist Ragnar Þórhallsson.



Of Monsters and Men has been making waves since SXSW. HANDOUT

Since then, the orchestral indie pop song has nearly a million plays on YouTube.

The name Of Monsters and Men refers to the topics of their songs, which range

from, well, monsters to men.

"Jurassic Park was my favourite film as a child. You grow up listening to a lot of Icelandic fantasy stories," says Þórhallsson. "That plays

Quote

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group."

Ragnar Þórhallsson
Talking about why they're successful

a part in what we're doing."

The group of friends channel the energy of contemporary folk rock groups such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros and Mumford & Sons.

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group — everyone is singing along and having fun," says Þórhallsson.

Their infectious energy has crossed international borders, playing into ecstatic American crowds.

"Americans are very open and welcoming in every city. They want to meet us and shake our hands. It's different from Iceland, where everyone is closed. ... And we don't let anyone in," Þórhallsson observes.

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Why women love Game of Thrones

Fantasy. It's bloody, violent and male-dominated. So why does this show have so many female fans?



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At first glance, the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros (and the Wildlings and Others that live past the northern border) are dominated by a male society. Daughters are wedded off for political advantage, and wives and betrothed who disobey their husbands are slapped across the face.

Despite what appears to be a misogynistic message, HBO's critically acclaimed series *Game of Thrones* has managed to appeal to a large base of female fans. From bloggers analyzing women's hatred toward the more conniving female characters to women-run forums dedicated to what female characters they can't wait to see next,

Control

"(The women) have a lot of control over their actions, more than typical women in fantasy stories."

Diya Chaco
Fan of the series

the fairer sex is as enamored with the world that George R. R. Martin created as their male counterparts.

"I could see how men would be more attracted to it. It's a lot of sex and violence — and there's a lot of boobs," Rosanne Stern said. "(The episodes) were based off the time period they were written about. But, a lot of the girls

who have seen it — after they (got over that) there was a lot of sex and violence — we're drawn in as well."

Stern, a 26-year-old English student, faithfully watches the HBO series with her boyfriend. She had previously read the series before the show came out. Despite the

fact that she believes that it is "one of the most well-written series I've come across in a while," Stern rarely found other female fans that shared her passion for the series before the TV show came out. Now, she's noticing that men and women alike reading the books and catching up with



Maisie Williams plays Arya Stark, one of the show's strongest female characters. CONTRIBUTED



the A Song of Fire and Ice saga.

Part of what Stern feels draws women to the series is the strong female characters like Daenerys, the Dothraki princess from House Targaryen, and Brienne of Tarth, a warrior who will be featured on the second season of the show.

Diya Chaco, another female fan of the series, agrees. "You have these women set in this time where there are knights and yes they are princesses, but none of them act like a princess," she explained.

Chaco was first introduced to the series when her mother bought the first book, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, in an airport and gave it to her back in 1999. "It was way too early for me to read it," the 25-year-old editorial producer said, laughing.

When Chaco heard HBO was making a show, she immediately re-bought the books that she had lost during Hurricane Katrina and read them over again. She was drawn in by the fantasy series because it didn't conform to typical tropes.

"I know that there are graphic sex scenes in the book, and to see those graphic sex scenes on the screen is a bit shocking, but it's HBO," Chaco explained.

At the end, what draws most women to the show is the series' universal appeal of a nail-biting plot where no person is safe and strong characters, regardless of their gender.

Keeps trying

Why Finkleman likes playing George Findlay:

- "(He has an) ability to slide out of difficult situations he has created because of his own self-interest ... Ralph Kramden was the same thing on *The Honeymooners* ... we watch him reach for something he never can quite get."

Good God, Finkleman is bringing back George

There's a good reason why Ken Finkleman changed the title of his continuing television series from *Good Dog* to *Good God*.

"It's a different show completely," said the creator, writer and star of the new series that premieres April 9th on The Movie Network. Harkening back to his popular '90s hit *The Newsroom*, *Good God*

this time posits his perpetual character George Findlay as head of a right-wing TV news network — quite a switch from last year's self-reflective sitcom.

But once again, Finkleman gets to explore his interminable George character through another setting. Whether it's in *The Newsroom* or *Good God*, it's an

opportunity that keeps its creator evolving — even if the character doesn't.

"George learns nothing. So what's interesting about him I think is we watch his inability to learn," explained Finkleman — an anti-establishment writer if showbiz ever saw one. "There's no arc, it's a comedy — it's silly."

STEVE GOW/METRO



The setting may change, but Ken Finkleman's George Findlay never does. CONTRIBUTED



Canadian indie rockers Yukon Blonde will be in town this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

All about little goals for indie rockers

Music. Yukon Blonde to give Halifax a taste of Tiger Talk this weekend at Reflections



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It's the dream of most modern rock musicians to one day find themselves standing on stage in front of thousands in a stadium that pulses to the beat of their latest anthem.

For those who gravitate towards and thrive in the sell-out process of reality TV, the game of success connect-the-dots is already pencilled in. In actuality, the road for musicians between stuffing your buddies in your basement to practice and finding yourself on a headlining tour, ventures through some rather harsh terrain.

After navigating the steep slopes of the music industry for several years without success, Yukon Blonde's Jeff Innes knew something had to change. "We played for a long time with a band that didn't go anywhere," Innes said of his first group Alphababy.

"It evolved into something we didn't really like and got to the point where

we knew the whole situation just sucked."

Lost and making terrible time, Innes pulled an about.

"Everything was scrapped and the three of us that started the original band started all over again with a new concept," Innes shared over the phone, adding the experience has done much to teach the band how to work towards realistic goals.

"When we started (with Alphababy) we were really young and we dreamed about being the big rock stars and playing stadiums, but after years and years of touring, it's certainly humbled us and now we focus on releasing new music, going on the European tour — it's all about little goals."

From playing festivals such as South by Southwest and even getting a mention on the CBS hit TV series *How I Met Your Mother*, Canadian indie rockers Yukon Blonde is proving that perhaps slow and steady does indeed win the race.

Tickets

- Yukon Blonde is performing at Reflections Cabaret on Saturday night, with opening act Library Voices. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 on day of show.

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Justin Timberlake to be officially off the market?



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are reportedly looking to tie the knot as soon as this summer, according to People magazine.

"Justin and Jessica are planning a big (summer) wedding," a source says of the plans. "Jessica initially wanted a smaller, more intimate wedding, but Justin from the beginning wanted a big wedding and that's what they have decided on."

He also apparently

wants to be in fantastic shape for the big day.

"Justin has put on a few pounds recently after working out a lot for a movie role, but now with the summer in sight he's back in the gym and working out harder than ever," the source adds. "He's seen the effort Jessica puts in order to stay fit and looking healthy and he doesn't want to go the other way. She's inspired him to get fit again."



Bruno Mars

Bruno Mars denies report that he is gay

Reports of Bruno Mars' coming out of the closet as gay are apparently phony, his rep insists to Hollyscoop.

"Someone pulled a prank and the world has run with it," the singer's rep says. "The Internet is really powerful."

A viewer-submitted CNN story had reported that Mars

had told a Chicago radio station that he's a homosexual.

"The timing is bad. I hadn't realized it was April Fool's Day, but it's been pointed out to me, and I don't want to go too public with this," Mars supposedly said. His rep insists the whole thing was "completely fabricated."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



SNL stars look to leave show



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Two sources have told Us Weekly that several of the best, more recognizable Saturday Night Live players are ready to move on.

"Kristen Wiig, Andy Samberg and Jason Sudeikis are all leaving after the end of the season," says one insider.

"It will be a huge blow to the show. Without

Andy's video shorts and Kristen saving every skit, they'll need help!"

A rep for both Wiig, 38, and Sudeikis, 36, deny the rumor, telling Us, "No decisions are made until the season is over."

But another pal says the timing is right.

"Kristen was talking about leaving a while ago. With her movie success, it's no surprise."

It's time, but it's too bad — they (and the occasional crazy guest host, a la Lindsay Lohan) made the show worth watching this season. Although now that we think about it, that's a pretty sad highlight reel.

Twitter



@rickygervais

Saying "Atheism is a belief system", is like saying "not going skiing, is a hobby."



@GarryShandling

OK, so I misunderstood what planking was at first. Big deal.



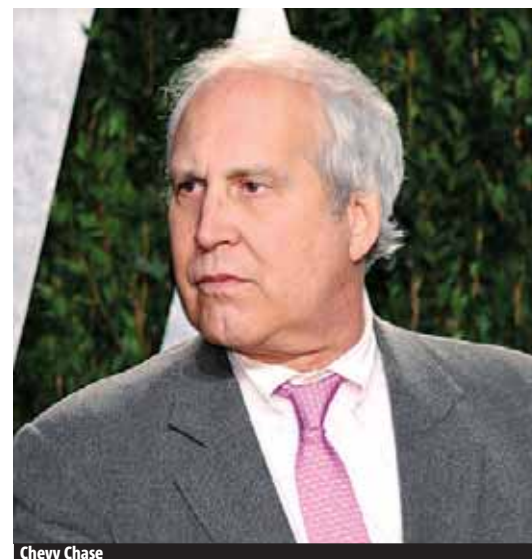
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Ugh, I feel like Burt Reynolds - woke up covered in hair. My giant German Shepherd slept on top of my bed last night. So did my dog.



@SethMacFarlane

"I'M STANDING ON THE FRONT OF A BOAT!" --Titanic (first draft)



Chevy Chase

Chase could be cut out of Community

Chevy Chase's future on the sitcom Community may be in jeopardy after a feud with show creator Dan Harmon, who decided to unload about the dust-up at a recent comedy show he hosts.

As Harmon tells it, Chase stormed off set after a particularly difficult scene, eventually sending Harmon an apology via text message. "I said f— you. You breached your contract,"

Harmon says.

"And then what happened a day later? That night ... after what I'm guessing is two bottles of Busch Light?"

Harmon then played a voice mail message purportedly from Chase that included the veteran comic actor saying, "If you were here now, I'd f—ing kick your teeth out" and, "You're not funny. You're OK."

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Jenna opens the J.Crew door: 'We don't want to be exclusive'

Brand expand. The U.S. brand, with the massive cult following and Michelle Obama endorsement, finally pushes its unique take on high and low global

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Metro World News in London

For years, J.Crew was that American company that produced the chic clothes that you coveted but frustratingly couldn't buy. Through Michelle Obama, the rest of the world was introduced to the brand's colourful, up-beat cardigans and pencil skirts, clothes that sit just slightly to the left of classic — meaning, trend-conscious enough without the risk of being out of style six months later. And then there's Jenna Lyons, the president and executive creative director of J.Crew, whose fashion celebrity seems to grow by the day. Her off-beat personal style and knack for seamlessly mixing high and low has become inextricably linked with the brand, not to mention a full-blown fashion blogger obsession.

We talk to Lyons about the company's recent decision to go global (they now ship to 107 countries) after only being available in the U.S. for nearly 30 years.

What makes now the right time to expand internation-



President and executive creative director of J.Crew, Jenna Lyons.

ally?

We were finding that a lot of customers were calling our New York store and asking for things to be shipped overseas. But we had to get our ducks in a row first. We had the U.S. expansion that we were working on and we were in the process of launching a few really big projects that we needed to have all hands on deck for first. We wanted to do it right.

How do you think J.Crew's American sensibility will translate to a global audience?

Some brands have a very specific look. But we expect you to put your own quirk on it. We're not trying to present it as only one way of dressing or looking. I love it when we shoot (for our catalogs) in other places. It's great to see what our (staff) come back

with. For example, someone will come back with this great Guatemalan piece worn with chinos and loafers. And I can't wait to see the same thing happen with our shoppers in Russia. Or to see what someone in China might do.

The brand is much more popular with fashion insiders than it was years ago. For example, Manolo Blahnik

collaborated with you on your a/w '12 show and you're now selling Comme des Garçons Play. What led to the change?

I think Mickey Drexler (chairman and CEO) has allowed us to step out of the box of what we've done before. We've really tried to develop a clear visual over the last four or five years that's a tad bit more fashion. Working with the CFDA has also been a big help, getting more intimately acquainted with the designers and people like Diane von Furstenberg and Anna Wintour. People began to have a different trust level with us. People (in the fashion industry) began to view us as being on the inside rather than the outside.

How are you managing to please both your fans who love high fashion and the ones who love the affordable classics?

It's a challenge to mix aspiration with approachability. It's about striking that balance between high and low; it's a part of our DNA. We don't consider ourselves a luxury brand and we don't consider ourselves a high-street brand. We have a wide range of customers.

We're not positioning ourselves as a luxury brand, we're offering you a cohesive way to shop. We don't want to be exclusive, we want people to feel like they can have a piece of the brand. We want to show that you can make anything cool.

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Spring showers.

Don't let grey clouds get in the way of brightening your look this season

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For Metro

Bye bye old black rain jacket and clunky boots. Nope, today's rain gear features eye-catching colours, fun patterns and more functionality than gear of the past.

COATS AND JACKETS

While the solid-coloured, tried-and-true trench coat promises to long be in style, today's updates to the trench include bright colours on grey days. "We're seeing pops of colour in coats that used to be geared towards bottoms but are actually now

transitioning into outerwear," says Heather Hopkins, spokesperson for Toronto-based The Gap. You can now find trenches in cherry reds, greens, yellows and oranges along with their more neutral-coloured counterparts. "Khaki is never going to go away, nor will navy," adds Hopkins.

"Sports-inspired jackets are also a huge trend this season featuring lots of zippers, pockets and bright colours," notes Karen Richter, showroom manager for Toronto-based H&M Canada.

BOOTS AND FOOTWEAR

"I like to stick with a solid khaki green or black rain boots because you can wear them with anything," notes Richter. "But this year, bright — even neon — coloured boots are on trend. I've also seen some tribal print boots this season."

Along with coloured boots, small tweaks or accents are adding distinction to boots this season. "We have a drawstring boot along with the calf to high-calf style," says Hopkins. "The drawstring version has a nautical feel and then there's the classic pull on, which has a chunky sole, which gives you more stability." Other touches featured on boots include buckles and buttons, contrasting coloured strings and pull-on straps.

UMBRELLAS

Like other accessories, umbrellas are a way to add some punch to an outfit. "If you're not invested in

making a statement anywhere else in your wardrobe you can do it with accessories such as an umbrella on a rainy day," says Hopkins.

While patterned umbrellas such as floral prints, stripes or polka dots continue to be popular, colours have also migrated into our rain covers. "Our umbrellas are going back to the colour blocking trend," says Hopkins. "The colour blocking is a red on orange, or a light orange on a red — so it's multiple to one colour blocking."

Men's Nylon Jacket, left, \$59.99, available at H&M, Floral Umbrella, centre, \$12.50, available at Old Navy, Lace-Up Rain Boots, bottom, \$34.94, available at Old Navy, Ladies Orange Coat, top, \$99, available at H&M.



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Blossoming trends

What's new. Designers try everything under the spring sunshine

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Spring runways proved that minimalism and exuberant ornamentation can indeed coexist. Catwalks were abloom with florals, solid colours, stripes and everything else under the spring sunshine. Here's a guide to some of the key trends.

Ka-pow Colour

A bubble gum pink trench coat, classic red pumps, mint green high-waisted wide-leg pants. Put them all together or wear them paired with neutral colours to add the sartorial equivalent of some tangy sherbet punch to your look this spring and summer. An array of candy-coloured jeans are available for men this season, like Ralph Lauren's in aqua, Marc Jacobs' in magenta, or Joe Fresh's in red. Adrienne Shoom, style director of Joe Fresh, suggests pairing them with a chambray shirt.

Soft Minimalism

If you would prefer to draw attention with the elegant wrap and drape of your clothing, rather than the colour, designers including Donna Karan and H&M sent perfectly modern neutrals down the runway.

"This is the

most flattering and easy to wear trend this season," says Karen Richter, showroom manager for H&M Canada.

She suggests "relaxed, comfortable soft shapes like kimono style draped jackets, wrap dresses and wide-leg pants, done in solid pale pastels and neutrals, with accents of purple and azure blue."

New Nautical

Mixing and matching stripes is the ticket to this season's twist on nautical, says Shoom. Women can pair striped pieces with crochet knits, primary colours, and wide-leg jeans to get this season's crisp seafaring look.

Men can wear a striped sweater over slim-cut jeans, or dress up white jeans with a dark blue shirt and printed blazer, she says. Richter suggests men add accessories or outerwear in vivid accent colours like red, yellow or orange.

Retro/Modern

Retro '60s-influenced styles continued to rule the

runways this spring. For women, designers showed peplum jackets, oversized eyelet lace, lady-like pleated skirts and other wasp-waisted silhouettes perfect for a date at the local diner, as in the Louis Vuitton spring offerings, available in knock-off form at Zara.

Sleek and Sporty

Nylon, neoprene and lucite. Mesh, cutouts, and iridescence. This spring and summer designers are using high-tech materials like



interesting textures, cutouts and details are a rich take on minimalism for men or women. "A sharp white suit makes a statement, especially when worn with a 1950s style brogue shoe," says Richter.

Printed Men's Blazer, \$119, far left, Slim Colour Denim Pants, \$19, and Marine Dress, \$29, all available at Joe Fresh.



Black and White
Black and white pieces with in-

Step smartly with your accessories

There has been no better time to play with texture, print, colour, and quirky materials. Go wild! Here are some of the key shoe and accessory trends for spring/summer 2012.

Brights and Neon

For men and women, "white and neutrals, which are key for this spring/summer, look great paired with fruity accent colours such as bright yellow, orange or apple green," says Karen Richter, showroom manager for H&M Canada. "Neon accessories are great way to freshen up and add a pop of colour to an outfit."

Platforms

For women, platforms are still going strong. This summer, platform wedge cork, wood, or espadrille sandals fit the bill and come in every colour known to man. Wear a pair of wedge platform heels with shorts, a maxi dress, wide-leg pants, or your skinny jeans.

The Boat Shoe

With its leather laces and top stitching, the boat shoe

is a classic that is gaining new momentum thanks to this season's nautical tack.

Something Woven

Geometric woven textures and patterns lend exotic appeal to shoes, bags, belts and bangles this season — from Burberry Prorsum's woven raffia belts and colourful leather basket weave clutches to Aldo's woven and textured Rise shoe collection by JW Anderson.

Round Glasses

Channel the season's '60s vibe with circular tortoiseshell glasses frames for work or circular sunglasses for spacing out in the park during the dog days of summer.

Big Jewelry

Whether it's big in concept, in cost, or in heft, this season's jewelry is out there. Try a geometric, plated necklace or life-size cherry earrings from Aldo Accessories. For men and women with a minimalist bent, a classic men's watch does the trick.

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Indoors. Add some punch to liven up your living space

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

Now that the outdoors is fresher and greener thanks to spring's arrival, your indoors looks a little dull and drab. Here are six bright ideas to liven up your space for the season.

CHOOSE A FRESH COLOUR

Add some punch to that grey couch or beige walls by accentuating a room with one of spring's popular colours. "There are strong blues, pinks, corals, yellows out there," notes Arren Williams, the Bay's director of home fashions. "It's really about colours that almost clash together to give a bright and fresh feeling."

USE THE RULE OF THREE

"Anchor those neutral-

themed pieces with three colour accessories in the room, such as a glazed vase or linen cushions," notes Janet Lee, fashion director with Brampton, Ont.-based Home Outfitters. Using three means you don't overload the room with accent pieces.

SWAP BEIGE OUT

"Grey is the staple neutral colour," says Karl Lohnes, Metro's Décor Moment columnist. "Not just a pure grey, but a cool, greyer version of taupe, browns and greens." Williams adds there is

also a push on for bright and white. "We have a new bed called Distinctly Home Romantique bed that is linens in all-white textures," he says. "All of these layered together create a romantic spring-like approach to the bedroom."

THINK ASIAN ... FOR DÉCOR

"Touches of Asian décor is becoming popular and is easily affordable," says Lohnes. "So items such as white and blue Asian pottery, jade green accessories and gold/brass flatware are all very popular." Home Outfitters is moving into Spice Route-themed colours for



Distinctly Home Romantique bed, above, available at the Bay, De Terra tableware, left, from \$15, available at the Bay, Royal Dalton tapas sets, from \$16.99 to \$63.99, available at the Bay, Decorated Painted Wood Vase, \$36.99-\$49.99, available at Home Outfitters. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

the summer season. "We're taking orange deeper in

colour because we want to anchor it with brown and more earth tones," says Lee. "We're also featuring some wood items." Light wood-toned items are also popular again.

LAYER UP

Work with what you already have, says Williams. "Say you have a set of white dishes — you can

layer up colour on top of that with linens or glassware."

DON'T OVERCOMMIT

"Don't invest in trend colours on long-term décor items such as upholstered furniture, area rugs or art," says Lohnes. "These items will outlast the trend and then become dated."



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Short and sassy. Master the new shape of jackets

VANESSA GRANT
For Metro

Anyway you look at it, jackets are getting cut down to size this season. From bracelet-length sleeves to cropped styles, designers showcased this spring staple in a shrunk-en silhouette.

Here's how to master this new shape.

What's your figure?

CURVY

Play up your shape by focusing on a jacket that nips in at the waist. The zipper detail adds interest without the bulk of a pocket flap at the hips and around the bust line.

ATHLETIC

Use prints to your advantage. Chevrons and stripes can help give the illusion of curves on a boyish figure.

PETITE

Teamed with a higher-waisted trouser or skirt, a shorter jacket shifts the waistline upward, resulting in the illusion of longer legs. Just remember to keep the bottom half tailored to balance out a voluminous jacket.

UNIVERSAL

The shrunk motorcycle jacket is universally flattering; pick soft leathers that mould to your shape. Choose styles that have face-framing collars instead of mock-neck or collarless styles. For more great style tips, visit TheKit.ca.



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Reach for the matzo meal this Passover for delicious, modern bites

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions.

Try these tasty bunless burgers for a twist on traditional ingredients

During Passover, much of the culinary focus is on the Seder, the celebratory meal that commemorates the Jewish liberation and exodus from Egypt.

But the special dietary restrictions that go with the holiday last at least a week, which can challenge even the most creative of cooks to come up with interesting meals.

During the week of Passover, Jews are supposed to adhere to dietary restrictions intended to remind them that their ancestors were in such a hurry to get out of Egypt that they didn't even wait for their bread to rise, instead taking matzos, the unleavened flatbreads that are still eaten today.

This is why many Jews avoid foods made with wheat, barley, rye, spelt or oats that have been mixed with water and allowed

Ingredients

- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) lean ground beef
- 5 ml (1 tsp) onion powder
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) matzo meal
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kosher chicken fat, duck fat or extra virgin olive oil

Caramelized Onions:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) kosher salt

to stand in the open air for more than 18 minutes — the amount of time it takes for natural leavening to begin.

Which is to say, there's a lot of matzo sold during Passover.

For an easy meal during this holiday, try these Passover sliders. The bunless burgers are dipped in beaten eggs, coated with seasoned matzo meal and

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

fried in olive oil, Passover margarine or, for the absolute best flavour, chicken or duck fat.

1. Caramelized onions: In saucepan heat oil over medium heat and cook onion and salt, stirring 15 minutes or until soft and golden. Remove from heat and set aside.

2. In bowl, mix ground beef

and onion powder. Form beef mixture into 8 equal 5-x-2-cm (2-x-3/4-inch) patties. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

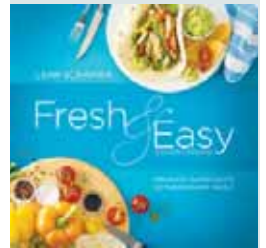
3. In a wide, shallow bowl, mix together matzo meal, salt and pepper. Dip each beef patty into beaten eggs, turning to coat, then transfer to dish with matzo meal. Turn gently to coat evenly; return to plate.

4. In skillet, heat fat over medium-high heat and fry patties, turning once, 3 mins. per side or until desired doneness until crusty and golden brown. Serve topped with caramelized onions.

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Cookbook of the Week

Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking



From Leah Schapira, the founder of cookkosher.com, a rapidly growing online kosher recipe exchange, comes Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking.

The book contains more than 170 easy-to-make recipes, full-colour photos, side dish pairing suggestions, tips for food preparation and storage as well as a comprehensive index.

Among the recipes are modern eats such as Crispy Oven-Baked Chicken and Deep-Dish Chocolate Chip Pies as well as traditional favourites like Egg and Liver Tower, Four-Section Challah Rolls and Parve Polish Cholent. METRO

Passover-Inspired Root Veggie Casserole. Hearty dish adds colour



1. Coat a large casserole dish with cooking spray.

2. In a large skillet heat 15 mL (1 tbsp) of oil over medium-high; add the onions and garlic and sauté for 10 - 15 minutes or until soft and almost browned. Scrape into large bowl.

3. Add the sweet potatoes, carrots, beets, celeriac, applesauce, thyme, savoury, tarragon, lemon and orange rinds. Season with salt and pepper; toss to coat. Spoon into casserole dish.

4. In small bowl, combine crushed matzos with remaining 45 ml (3 tbsp) of

olive oil and coriander. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle over vegetable mix. Bake in 190 C (375 F) 1 hr or until vegetables are tender when pierced with

fork. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients

- 60 mL (4 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 each red onions, sliced; cloves garlic, chopped; sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 500 g (1 lb) each carrots, cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces; beets, peeled and cut into wedges; celeriac, peeled and cubed

- 250 mL (1 cup) unsweetened applesauce
- 7 mL (1 1/2 tsp) finely grated lemon rind
- 10 mL (2 tsp) finely grated orange rind
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) each chopped fresh thyme and savoury

- 15 mL (1 tbsp) chopped fresh tarragon
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Keep small spaces neutral and add drama on focal points like a fireplace. BENJAMINMOORE.CA

Be careful with some colours

Painting an entire small space any of the three primary colours (apple red, sunflower yellow or cobalt blue) would be a big mistake.

- **Three primary colours.** These shades are the truest form of colour. But they can affect our visual and mental states if we are exposed to them for too long a time.
- **Sunflower yellow.** The true form of yellow is a irritant to the eye (but it's great for powder rooms and hallways).
- **Cobalt blue.** This colour generally lacks personality (but use it to add a punch of colour inside a closet or to paint around cabinetry in a kitchen).
- **Apple red.** This colour creates blood flow and energy (good only for dining rooms).
- **How to use these colours.** If you like yellow, red or blue, make sure they are a faded-down, murky version to help soften the intensity.

Small space paint primer

Decor ideas. Painting a tiny abode? Here's a few tricks to make it feel larger



DESIGN CENTRE
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If you are thinking about freshening up your space this spring, there is no better return on your dollar and time than to paint it a new colour.

If you are in a small space then here are some designer secrets that will make it feel larger than it actually is.

Be consistent

To make the overall space feel as large as possible, paint it one colour.

That colour should be a good neutral that reflects your style in many rooms. Neutrals don't have to be boring; khaki green, blue greys, camel tans and putty creams are all updated neutrals that give personality to a space.

If you really want more than one colour, choose similar tonal values in the different colours. This will create an even flow of tones throughout the space, making it feel bigger.

Match your trims

If your five-inch baseboards and four-inch crown mouldings are painted the same colour as your walls, you

will visually gain nine inches of height in the room.

This little trick will make your space feel taller and loftier.

Interior doors, radiators, mantels and stairs become less interruptive when painted the same colour as the rest of the space.

Paint trims with a sheen-finished paint for durability and to allow them to stand out.

Keep ceilings white

I have always subscribed to the classic decorator rule that ceilings should be painted a dull white.

Your ceiling is the largest, uninterrupted surface in a room. Keeping it bright helps natural light bounce into the room and makes ceilings appear taller.

A lot of new small places offer exceptionally high ceilings, which often gives the too-tall "cracker-jack box" effect to the room.

In that case paint the ceilings the same as the walls to help bring them down, which inevitably helps visually widen the room.

Paint a punch

In order to add some extra jazz to a small space it's always nice to highlight a focal point with a splash of paint.

An old mantel painted high-gloss navy blue, a multi-mullioned window painted black, a centrally-located interior door painted citron green are all simple ways to add a punch of colour to your space without chopping it up.

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Neglecting teeth can lead to cavities and periodontal disease or gum disease, which can be painful and cause tooth loss and chronic bad breath. But research has also shown that periodontal disease may be linked to a range of other health conditions, too.

According to Health Canada:

- people with diabetes are more at risk for gum disease and gum disease may affect the severity of diabetes;
- bacteria found in plaque may aggravate any existing lung condition;
- there is a possible connection between gum disease and heart disease and stroke;
- pregnant women with gum disease may be at higher risk of delivering pre-term low birth weight babies than women without gum disease.

Good health — and good dental hygiene — starts with controlling and eliminating plaque in your mouth. While plaque is soft and sticky, it can be easily removed with a toothbrush (tartar is plaque that has hardened — and only

a dental hygienist can remove it).

When it comes to preventing problems, there really is no magic, says MacGregor: “It’s about plaque control and disruption.”

Brushing and flossing regularly is the golden rule. “We recommend that you brush at least twice a day. Choose the easiest time for you, spaced by half a day.”

Electric toothbrushes — the newer generation toothbrushes have highly efficient and effective bristles — can be helpful, says MacGregor, and your dentist may suggest oral rinses that help control plaque and disease, too.

It’s important that everyone should see the dentist for a checkup and cleaning regularly. Diet also affects tooth

BRUSHING BASICS

Brush your teeth for about two minutes at least twice a day. Here’s how:

- 1** Brush all sides of teeth, the inside and outside and the top where you chew.
- 2** Point the bristles towards the gums.
- 3** Gently wiggle the toothbrush back and forth.
- 4** Brush the tongue, too (or use a tongue scraper).

health. Foods high in sugar promote decay, frequent exposure to acidic foods may affect the health of enamel, and dark liquids such as red wine, coffee and cola drinks will stain teeth.



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FENWICK STANDS OUT FROM THE CROWD

While the Fenwick Dental Centre is a general and cosmetic family dental clinic, there is one aspect of its operations that is truly unique.

With a staff comprised of female clinicians and support staff, Fenwick Dental is also able to offer services specifically for women, especially ones who may have certain cultural sensitivities.

"There are certain women who prefer their medical doctors to be female," says Debbie LeValliant, president and CEO of Fine Touch Dental Atlantic. "In addition,

there are certain cultures where they would want to only be serviced by women."

As well, for people who might have an English language barrier, Fenwick's dentist, Dr. Widad J. Wdaa — known as Dr. J. — speaks Arabic, as well as English.

While it is an entirely female staff, Fenwick Dental is able to accommodate all members of the family while still being able to set up the scheduling of its patients so that only women are present in the clinic at any given time, which can make for a comforting and relaxing ex-

perience for female patients.

Dr. J says that for immigrants, they often have their dental care done when on trips back to their home country. Where strong dental health is so closely linked with the overall good health of the body, it is important to have dental care performed on a regular basis.

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"I think our guys have matured a lot this year, faced a lot of things, and we've been playing in front of a lot of people, even here (in Halifax), so I think for that, we're prepared to be playing in Quebec even though there is a larger crowd."

Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme, on how his team will handle playing in front of 11,000-plus in Quebec City this weekend.

On the web



At least one former Habs great is out of the running for the Canadiens' vacant GM position. Vincent Damphousse withdrew from consideration on Wednesday. Scan the code to find out who else could be the new head of Montreal's front office.

Series will be 'fun for everybody': Roy

Anticipation builds.

Mooseheads and Remparts — QMJHL's flagship franchises — inching closer to first playoff meeting starting Friday



MATTHEW WUEST

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There's no dialling down the hype that's been building for the past week around the Halifax Mooseheads and Quebec Remparts.

Whether it's players, coaches, management, front-office staff or fans, pretty much everybody is excited to see how the first-ever QMJHL playoff meeting between the two popular franchises will play out.

The one-week break after the first round has fuelled the fire, with plenty of time to talk about the countless storylines — showdowns of former teammates, friends and top prospects for the next two NHL drafts.

"I think it's exciting and it should be fun," said Remparts head coach Patrick Roy. "Halifax is a great city, a great hockey town, and it's the same in Quebec. I think it's great for the league."

It all starts with Games 1 and 2 of the best-of-seven quarter-final on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Quebec City.

If it comes even remotely close to living up to the hype, it could be one to remember.

Remparts and Mooseheads games draw some of the biggest crowds in the country, and fans will have the pleasure of watching two swift-skating teams that like to attack and rarely sit back in defensive pos-

Updates

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tures.

With plenty of scoring depth on both sides, it's a formula for an entertaining series.

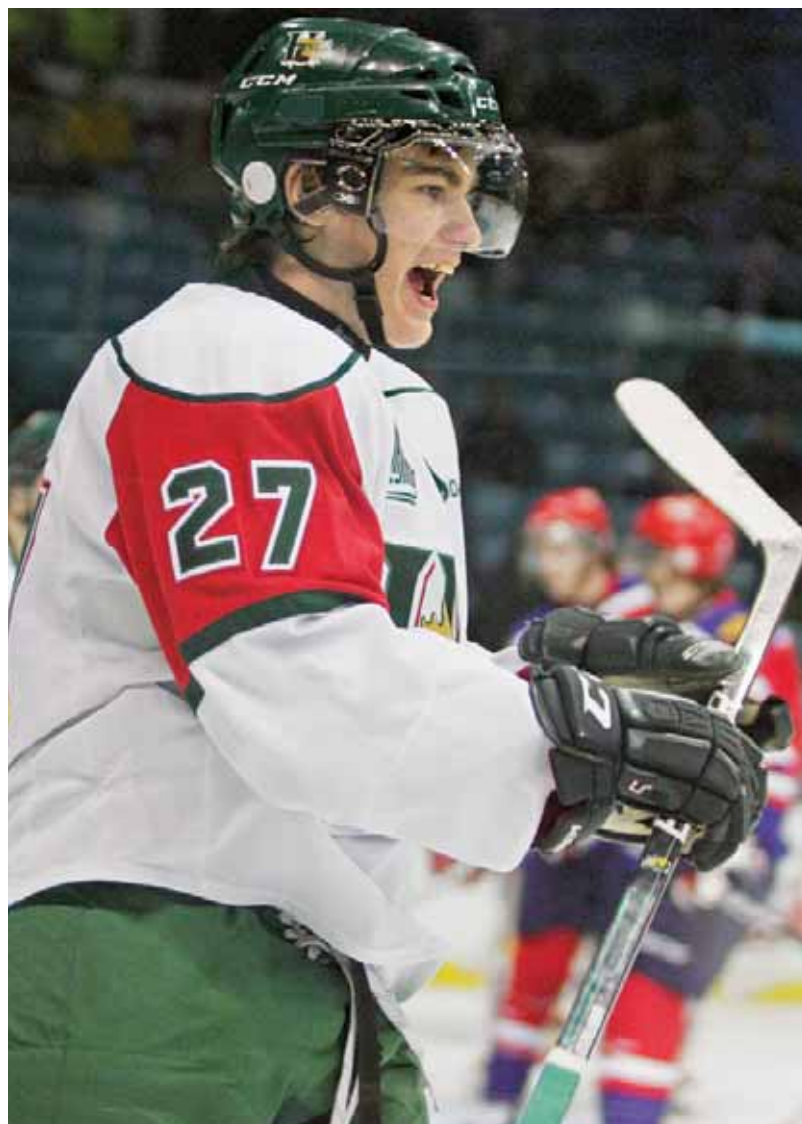
"They're a team that like us, they like to go on the offence and there should be a lot of scoring chances, that's all I can say," Roy said. "We love to play open hockey and I'm sure they do the same, and it will be interesting to watch those games."

Staying focused and not getting caught up in the hype will be a key for both teams, especially with the decibel level at Colisee Pepsi expected to be off the charts.

"I know when I was 16 I was doing a lot of crowd watching in Quebec City, especially in warm-ups," said Mooseheads assistant captain Brent Andrews. "It's a big step and it will be exciting to be in front of a big crowd, but everybody in (our room) knows the job at hand and we're all pretty focused."

The Remparts are slight favourites on paper, with the better regular-season record and the edge on special teams as well as superior goals for and against. But just eight points separated the two clubs in the regular season, so the Remparts will have their hands full.

"It's gonna be fun for everybody," Roy said. "The fans should appreciate it. There's gonna be a lot of young prospects on the ice which is gonna be great, and it's a nice challenge for both teams."

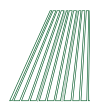


Mooseheads winger Jonathan Drouin celebrates a goal during the team's first-round sweep of the Moncton Wildcats. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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Remparts score Golden Puck Awards

QMJHL. Mikhail Grigorenko grabs two major awards at gala

The Quebec Remparts scored a few pre-series wins over the Halifax Mooseheads on Wednesday night.

Remparts star Mikhail Grigorenko picked up two major awards at the QMJHL Golden Puck Awards gala in Montreal and edged out three members of the Mooseheads in the process.

Grigorenko won the RDS Cup as QMJHL rookie of the year, getting the nod over Mooseheads nominees

Nathan MacKinnon and Zach Fucale. He also topped Mooseheads winger Martin Frk for the Mike Bossy Trophy as the league's top professional prospect.

The 17-year-old Russian centre had a 40-goal, 85-point campaign and is ranked second overall for the NHL draft by TSN.ca.

Remparts defenceman Vincent Barnard, meanwhile, edged out Mooseheads blue-liner Konrad Abeltshauser for the Humanitarian and Community Involvement Trophy.

Fucule, who set a league record for wins by a 16-year-old goaltender with 32, cracked the QMJHL's all-rookie team. He previously won

Corbeil gets trophy

- Former Mooseheads goaltender Mathieu Corbeil of the Sea Dogs was named a second-team all-star and picked up the Jacques Plante Trophy for having the league's best goals-against average.

the Raymond Lagace Trophy as defensive rookie of the year.

MacKinnon fell short of the Paul Dumont Trophy as personality of the year, an award that went to Saint John Sea Dogs star Jonathan Huberdeau. **MATTHEW WUEST/METRO**



Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucale, seen making a save in this file photo, was named to the QMJHL all-rookie team on Wednesday night. **RYAN TAPLIN/METRO**

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McIlroy shows no lead is safe at Masters

PGA. Nearly 40 per cent of the Masters have been won by eight players

The seven shots Rory McIlroy took on the 10th hole last year at the Masters remain a blur.

So was the rest of his final round at Augusta National, where the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland made the wrong kind of history. He started with a four-shot lead. He finished 10 shots behind after an 80, the highest closing

round by a 54-hole leader in 56 years.

If nothing else, it was a reminder how tenuous a lead can be in the final round.

Especially at the Masters. "It's a course that makes you really nervous," Australian golfer Geoff Ogilvy said.

There is an art to playing Augusta. For those seeking their first green jacket, let alone their first major, finishing it off can be a challenge.

Greg Norman lost a record six-shot lead in 1996. Ed Sneed had a five-shot lead in 1979, and was still three shots clear with three holes remaining

Tough task

"If you were to carry a decent lead into Sunday, you'd need a steel-trap mind to survive."

Three-time Masters winner Nick Faldo on the difficulties of protecting a lead in the final round.

when he made three straight bogeys and lost in a playoff. Ken Venturi was on the verge of becoming the only amateur to win the Masters in 1956 when he blew a four-shot lead. Like McIlroy, he shot an 80.

McIlroy's blown lead is enough of a memory going into the Masters. Adding to the emphasis is a bad habit of 54-hole leaders failing to win this year on the PGA Tour.

In 14 stroke-play events on the PGA Tour, only five players have gone on to win with at least a share of the third-round lead. With that kind of history, protecting a lead is not easy.

"Not even close to easy, as we've seen," Nick Faldo said.

He should know. Faldo is the only player with multiple Masters wins who has never had the lead going into the last day. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Gerry McIlroy, Rory McIlroy and Stewart Cink walk in front of the clubhouse during the Par 3 Contest prior to the start of the 2012 Masters at Augusta National Golf Club on Wednesday. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

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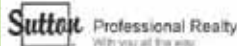
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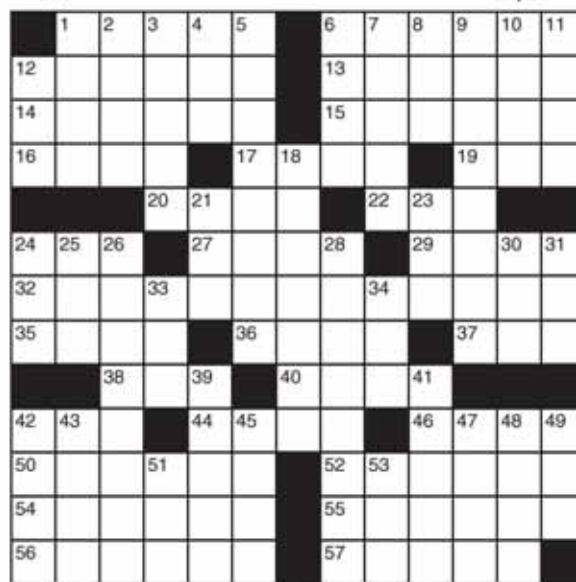
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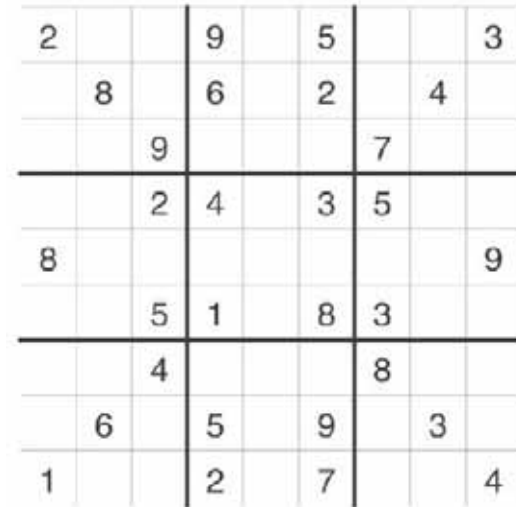
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- 6 Van Gogh painting
- 12 Open declaration
- 13 El — (place of wealth)
- 14 Fidel's capital
- 15 Gave temporarily
- 16 Brewery creations
- 17 "— of Our Lives"
- 19 Modern-day evidence
- 20 Greet
- 22 Mai —
- 24 Witness
- 27 Cabin makeup
- 29 Night light
- 32 Half a bicycle-shop duo
- 35 "The best — schemes ..."
- 36 Busy as —
- 37 La-la lead-in
- 38 Comic Costello
- 40 Take ten
- 42 Not dis?
- 44 In apple-pie order
- 46 Parks or Bonheur
- 50 Ailing
- 52 Hurt
- 54 Ear affliction
- 55 Votes into office
- 56 Washington group
- 57 Staff

Down

- 1 Squashed circle
- 2 Wander
- 3 Inundated
- 4 A Bobsey twin
- 5 Iris' cousin
- 6 One way to stand by
- 7 Perch
- 8 401(k) alternative
- 9 Chargers' home
- 10 Paradise
- 11 Pop
- 12 "Eureka!"
- 18 Math course
- 21 Everything
- 23 Blackbird
- 24 Scale member
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 Plot-contrived villain
- 28 Fragrant flower
- 30 Kin of 12-Down
- 31 To the — degree
- 33 Bachelor's last words
- 34 — judicata
- 39 Dark
- 41 Took a whack at
- 42 Pairs
- 43 Initial stake
- 45 Otherwise
- 47 Previously
- 48 Soundstages
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6	2	7	4	5	1	8	3	9
8	6	5	2	9	3	7	4	1
7	3	4	1	8	5	9	6	2
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4	7	6	3	1	9	2	5	8
5	8	3	7	4	2	1	9	6
1	9	2	5	6	8	3	7	4

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